The 187th AIRBORNE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, dubbed RAKKASAN by the Japanese and feared by Communist aggressors in the Korean Conflict, formed in a final review parade on 20 June, 1956, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, after five years, eleven months and twenty-one days of distinguished active Federal Service.

Famed for two combat jumps behind enemy lines in Korea and for quelling Prisoner of War riots on Koje-do Island, the Rakkasans are remembered for their fierce engagements at Wonju, Kumwha, "Bloody Inje," Chorwon and many other unnamed foreign fields that felt the weight of paratrooper boots in the United Nations fight for freedom.

Headed by Colonel Joseph F. Ryneska, the Combat Team Commander, the parachutists heard Colonel Curtis J. Herrick, a former 187th Commander, laud the accomplishments of the Regiment in a deactivation speech which pointed up the new mission the Regimental Combat Team has in forming the "new" 101st Airborne Division under the command of Major General Thomas L. Sherburne.

"As the 187th makes this final formation," a summerizing address noted, "it is well to remember that, standing in spirit beside every Rakkasan today is a combat paratrooper who, by his courage, stamina and his very blood, made the name RAKKASAN synonymous with resolute determination and fighting skill."

The men who have worn the shoulder patch of "Wing and Flame" are a special breed of soldier. They—and you—represent, in the finest sense, the sky-tested esprit of America's elite fighting man—the United States Paratrooper. The paratrooper of the 187th, merging his skills and experience with a new airborne division, will carry forward the heritage of a proud and honored Regiment.

The 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team was designated as the cadre unit for the 101st Airborne Division on 1 December 1955 and returned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to form the hard professional core of the new organization.

The retirement of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team closes a distinguished and honored chapter in the annals of the United States Military Establishment. The esprit, the prestige and the honor of the 187th ARCT will never die. They will live forever in the hearts of Rakkasans past and present and on the pages of history so brilliantly compiled by the paratroopers of the Rakkasan Team. These attributes of resolute courage and professional skill will infuse the new organization when the RCT becomes the 187th Airborne Combat Group of the 101st Airborne Division.

ROSTER

187TH ARCT

FORT CAMPBELL, KY.

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FIRST BATTALION 187TH ARCT



LT. COL. JOHNSON G. LEMMON
1st Bn CO



SFC Husband and Pfc Raugh P&A Plat, Hq Co 1st Bn, repairing toys for needy children in Fort Bragg, N. C.



Left to Right, Lt. Col. J. Grant Lemmon, 1st Bn. CO, congratulates "D" Company cooks upon winning best mess three times in a row, they are from left to right, Mess Steward, Sfc Wayne Smith, SP-3 Armand Lorranger, SP-3 Harry Evens, and Sgt. Albert Lippon. They each received a 6 day leave.

1st Battalion Staff, Left to Right, Capt. Gilbert Procter, XO, 1st Lt. Kenneth N. Good, S-1 and S-2, Capt. Dalton O. Carpenter, S-3, 1st Lt. Gordon D. Wilson, S-4, and M/Sgt. Beckett G. Mitchell, Sgt. Major.





Left to Right: Sp-2 Joseph Jaroshy, PM Co. help SFC Martin Walker-Plat. Sgt. A Co. into a T-10 parachute prior to making one of the last jumps of the 187th at Ft. Bragg.



Opener, baseball season, Neptuners, 1st Battalion

The First Battalion, upon returning from Japan, had the enormous task of billeting, messing, supplying and training, all personnel fresh from Basic Training. It was our job to drive into the minds and souls of these future airborne troopers the basic fundamental of the Individual Infantry Soldier. Before the eight weeks terminated the vast majority of trainees readily understood the mission of the Infantry soldier in combat.

The cadre, composed of officers and EM of the first Battalion, passed on the knowledge they had learned in the Korean Conflict and the Hills of Oyanahara. The trainees learned squad, platoon, and company tactics, map reading, the employment of field fire, the importance of first aid, and above all else, that "the best friend of an infantry soldier is his weapon."

The major portion of October was spent by the personnel of the First Battalion preparing for the arrival of the newly assigned trainees.

The activation of the 1st and 2nd Training Companies of more than 200 recruits concerned the Advanced Infantry Training Cycle, conducted by the cadre of the First Battalion.

Throughout the remainder of October and the first part of November more trainees moved in, eager and willing to learn. The first seven weeks consisted of class work. During the eighth week the Training Companies moved out to the field, so that they could more readily adapt themselves to conditions similar to that of actual combat. In order to make the simulated combat conditions more realistic, members of the First Battalion acted as aggressors. The trainees were subjected to day and night attacks. The capturing and interogation of prisoners was a vital part of their training. They were also taught the value of a well dug-in position. Many of the trainees actually participated in hand to hand combat with the aggressors. Their physical and mental stamina was tested through constant harassment by the cadre and members of the aggressor forces.

A group of officers of our Battalion conducted a reviewing board once a week in order to select the outstanding recruit of the week from companies that were participating in their seventh week of training. Selection was based upon:

1. Neatness of appearance
2. Ability to adapt readily to given situation
3. Co-Operation with cadre and trainees
4. Military courtesy
5. Knowledge of individual weapons

The 1st and 2nd Recruit Training Companies completed their Advanced Individual Training on the 10th of December. In their honor the remainder of the Training Battalion paraded. Col. Joseph F. Ryneska spoke of their achievements and congratulated each man for his contribution toward a job well-done.

Members of the First Battalion trained more than 1880 trainees. At the conclusion many of them underwent three weeks of rigorous Basic Airborne Training conducted at Fort Benning and Fort Bragg Jump Schools. Graduation from these schools qualified the men as "Troopers of the Sky."

Prior to our departure for Fort Campbell, our Commanding Officer, Major Ray B. Stroup, was re-assigned to Post G-4, and Major Jack F. Belford assumed command of the "Always First," First Battalion.

With the news that the 101st was to be re-activated our mission multiplied; we not only had the Recruit Training Program, but we also had to secure the closing out of Fort Bragg.

The training company graduated on the 4th of February and the personnel of the First Battalion departed Fort Bragg on the 25th of the month. This closely co-ordinated move was effectively planned by the staff of the First Battalion.

Major Jack F. Belford assumed duties as S-3 for the newly formed Battle Group. Lt. Col. Johnson G. Lemmon took over as the First Battalion Commander.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



SEVENTH ROW

PFC F Mariscal
Pvt-1 L L Burns

SIXTH ROW

Sp/3 J McCluskie
Sp/2 G Pierce
Pvt-2 R Muscha
Pvt-2 C Hand
Pvt-2 A Norman
Pvt-2 J Knight
Pvt-2 J Hadsock
Pvt-2 D Arnold
Pvt-2 D Ritchie

FIFTH ROW

Sp/3 A Broussard
Pvt-2 T Duda
Sp/3 D Grimm
Sp/3 T Rauth
PFC D Thayne
Pvt-2 J Barno
Pvt-2 D Garcia
Pvt-2 M Hill
PFC E Valdez

FOURTH ROW

Pvt-2 C Lawter
Sp/3 J Ditch
Sp/3 W Lewis
Pvt-2 A Wright
Sp/3 H Schoolerman
Pvt-2 H Bond
Pvt-2 J Pusateri
Pvt-2 M Espinoza
Sp/3 G Schmidt

THIRD ROW

Pvt-2 D Pitts
Sp/3 J Redmond
Sp/2 T Nash
Pvt-2 J Walker
Pvt-2 W Auty Jr
Pvt-2 F Satorius
Pvt-2 E Riser
Sp/3 H Northrup
Sp/3 W Clark

SECOND ROW

SFC L Smith
Sp/2 K Gregory
Sp/3 C Clifton
Sp/3 R Patterson
Sgt F Cordova
Sgt R Gould
Sgt A Leon
Sgt W Cherry
Sgt C Campen

FIRST ROW

Sgt F Korom
Sgt W King
M/Sgt O Chesney
Capt H Short
M/Sgt N Robinson
SFC A Gonzales
SFC G Bandolas
1st Lt N Clark
SFC W Smullen

Those Not Pictured:

M/Sgt J Smith
Sgt A Williams
Sgt P Savage
Sp/3 P Freeman Jr
Sp/2 R Hawkins Jr
SFC J Anderson
Sp/3 J Park
M/Sgt G Park
Sgt W Jones
M/Sgt R Holappa

The P & A Communication Platoons were placed on the Recruit Training Committee to furnish instructions in their respective fields during the months at Fort Bragg, N. C.

A few days before our departure from Fort Bragg to our second PCS that year, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, our CO, Capt. James P. Igoe, was ordered to school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Our new CO became 1st Lt. Gordon D. Wilson, former pathfinder Platoon Leader in Japan and Korea for the Rakkasans.

Upon arrival at Fort Campbell, the unit wtis assigned the temporary mission of supporting the Post Guard and details. Quite an undertaking to take over where the 11th Airborne Division left off, but the Rakkasans did it.

At Fort Campbell, we were once more assigned a new company commander: Hardin C. Short, Capt., formerly with the 11th Airborne Division G-3. Our Ex-CO, Lt. Wilson, took over the Bn S-4 slot. On 26 April, the company furnished ten fully equipped jumpers to demonstrate Airborne Techniques to ROTC Cadets.

Having given up many fine NCO's to the newly formed Battle Group "Neptune," the Hqs. Company looked forward to forming the next Battle Group.

1ST LT. ALFRED BURKARHARD
CO Hq. Co. 1st Bn





CAPT. ELMER H. GRAHAM
CO A Co.

On 14 July 1955 the first two C-124 Globemaster troop carrier transports landed at Camp McKall, North Carolina carrying the men to Company "A" back to the states after five years in the Far East. The troops were home again after playing a major part in the Korean Conflict by making two combat jumps against the Communists.

Under the command of Captain Elmer H. Graham the troopers of Alpha Co. were busy getting organized after the big gyroscope move from Japan. Many of the new troopers who were trained by the men of Company "A" under the Recruit Training Program are now assigned to units within the RCT and will Always remember those days in the cold winter when they were being given the best training that was possible, by the men of Alpha Company.

On 22 February the main body of Alpha Company along with the rest of the First Battalion moved out by convoy to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. All that remained behind were the men of the Provisional Company carrying out the final mission of closing out the unit at Fort Bragg.

By the 18th of March the entire Company had arrived at Fort Campbell, and the business of setting up quarters confronted the troopers of Alpha Company again. It was decided at the end of March by higher headquarters that Company "A" would be attached to the Second Battalion of the 187th to take part in a test group known as, "Combat Group Neptune."

Pvt G Boggs
Pvt L Berg
Pvt L Gonzales
Pvt G Hallums
Pvt C Handensud
Pvt M Ference
Pvt F Holden
Pvt H Hisel
Pvt C Whitemen
Pvt J Sulkowski
Pvt J Bunn
Pvt H Bellamy
Pvt C Johnson
Pvt D Kessler
Pvt E Wilson
Pvt W Holland
Pvt A Chisholm
Pvt W Yates
Pvt J Youngblood
Pvt D Delong
Pvt L Wright
Pvt R Schmidt

Pvt H Walker
Pvt W Gilbert
Pvt J Maklary
Pvt W Guy
Pvt S Garcia
Pvt P Lopez
Pvt J Woods
Pvt L Lara
Pvt J Alexander
Pvt L Richardson
Pvt T Reeves
Pvt P Burba
Pvt R Hernandez
Pvt C Whiteman
Pvt H Delaney
Pvt R Sutton
Pvt J Russell
Pvt R Baker
Pvt W Grice
Sp/3 T Arthur
Pvt C Hargis
Pvt R Watson

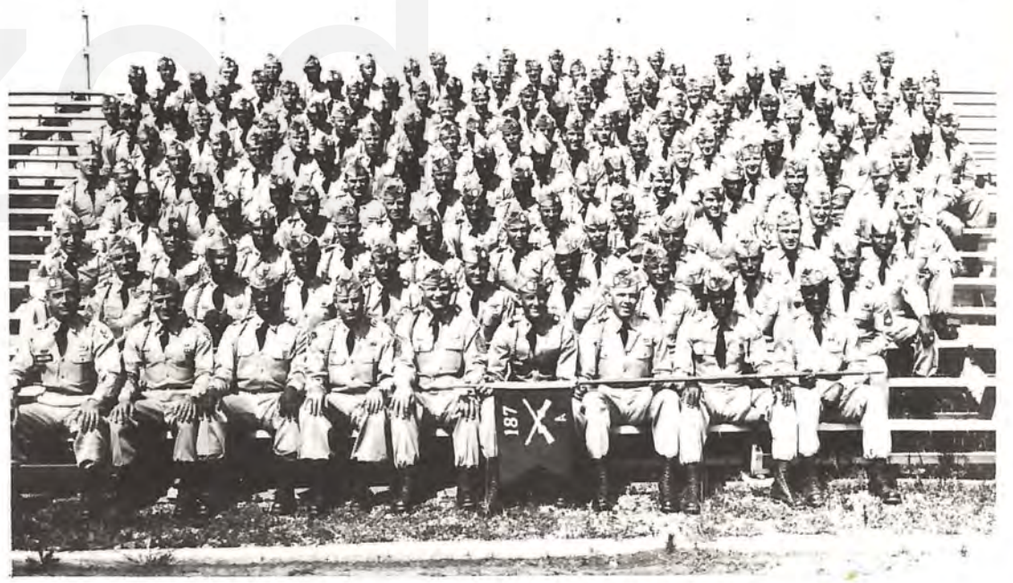
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Pvt R Arrenella
Sp/3 H Lindstrom
Sp/3 J Konrath
PFC R Howe
Sp/3 E Claycamp
PFC V Smith
PFC C Morales
PFC J Sciarretti
PFC W Smith
PFC J Vlasak
Sp/3 D Burke
PFC A Brown
PFC R Roethlisberger
PFC J Wilkerson
PFC L Picini
PFC E King
PFC L Harris
PFC M Rider
Sp/3 J Spencer
Sp/3 J Smith
Sp/3 D Felger

Sp/3 R Moslev
Sp/3 D Bynum
Sp/3 D Bruno
Sp/3 L Grav
Sp/3 W Ball
Sp/3 R Ryan
Sp/3 W Whitley
Sp/3 E Deremer
Sp/3 L Segovia
Sp/3 R Jones
Sp/3 L Capuldo
PFC R Wisotzke
Sp/3 E Davenport
Sp/3 E Gasperini
Sp/3 W Skinner
Sp/3 J McRae
Sp/3 R Calderon
Sp/3 E Miller
Sgt S Russev
Sgt D Dubose
Sgt J DeCanto
Sgt D Hahan

Sgt R Quesai
Sgt A Bradigan
Sgt B Ballew
Sp/3 B Standley
Sp/3 C Barkman
Sgt R Strauser
Sgt J Alexander
Sgt G Tyner
Sgt R Murphy
Sgt J Kimberlin
SFC O McKnight
Sgt R Sechler
Sgt A Ely
Sgt L Newman
Sgt V Hirzin
Sgt R Boone
Sgt J Sterling
SFC W Goodwin
M/Sgt E Garner
SFC M Walker
SFC N Davis
SFC E Shepard

SFC E Desmarais
SFC J Taylor
SFC F Bowers
Capt E Graham
1st Lt E Vallejo
2nd Lt G Winston
1st Lt M Hicks
M/Sgt F Melure
2nd Lt W Missildine
2nd Lt L Beaton
1st Lt Baker
Sp/3 J Moon

Not Pictured
SFC H Davis
SFC B Evans
SFC T Phillips
SFC H Sherer
Sp/2 A DeLuna
Sgt J Holifield
Pvt S Gacia
Pvt D Jones
Sgt R Lord



A COMPANY

TOP ROW

(left to right)

Pvt-2 W Webb
Sp/3 C Wolf
Pvt-2 T Meko
PFC L A Barner
Pvt-2 A Owens
Pvt-2 R Crees
Pvt-2 B Fugate
Pvt-1 J J Knight Jr
Pvt-1 J J McNeese
Pvt-2 G C Bliss
Pt-2 P B Rann
Pvt-2 T Davis
Pvt-2 W Aquilar
Pvt-2 C C Wicox
Sp/3 W A Stanley

FIFTH ROW

PFC E Roberts
Pvt-2 W Grady
Pvt-2 J Spitnale
Pvt-2 J B Karnes
Pvt-2 C Dobbs
Pvt-2 J Lanham
Pvt-2 R Wells
Pvt-2 J C Roberts
Pvt-2 W Ashton
PFC J Summers
Pvt-2 W Dolby
Pvt-2 B Rice
Sp/3 G Salazar

FOURTH ROW

Sp/3 D C Davis

Pvt-2 C T McGinnis
PFC R Travnahm
Pvt-2 R L Miles
PFC E A Smith
Pvt-2 W G Perdue
Pvt-2 J Dowling
Pvt-2 W Dennis
Pvt-2 A Dantzler
Pvt-2 L A Mifflin Jr
Pvt-2 R Sankey

THIRD ROW

Pvt-2 S Veselovec
Sp/3 T Batterton
Pvt-2 I Mora
Pvt-2 W Shannon
Pvt-2 W Hayes

Pvt-1 H Wallace
Pvt-2 C Wheller
Pvt-2 R Maxwell
PFC H O Truly
Pvt-2 J Servizio
Pvt-2 E Woodward
Pvt-2 M A Martinez

SECOND ROW

SFC C Crist
Sp/2 S Popp
SFC D C Walker
Sp/2 J L Philipps
Sp/3 H J Tanner
Sp/2 J Sawyer
Sp/3 W W Bush
Cpl E K Miller

Sp/3 R M Clark
Sgt C Seago
Sp/3 W Lucas

FIRST ROW

Sgt B L Mahaffeey
Sgt L Kuykendall
SFC R C Gunter
SFC J F Sullivan
1st Lt R Heagy
1st Lt R W Girdner (CO)
M/Sgt H Woodman (1st Sgt)
Sgt G W Reynolds
SFC P Grimes
Sgt C B Christian

B COMPANY

1ST LT. RALPH W. GIRDNER
CO B Co.



Welcoming Capt. Donald Roberts as our new Company Commander "B" Company men marked Activation day for the RCT as Pvt. Leroy Mifflin won the M-1 Rifle competition against men picked to represent all units of the Combat Team.

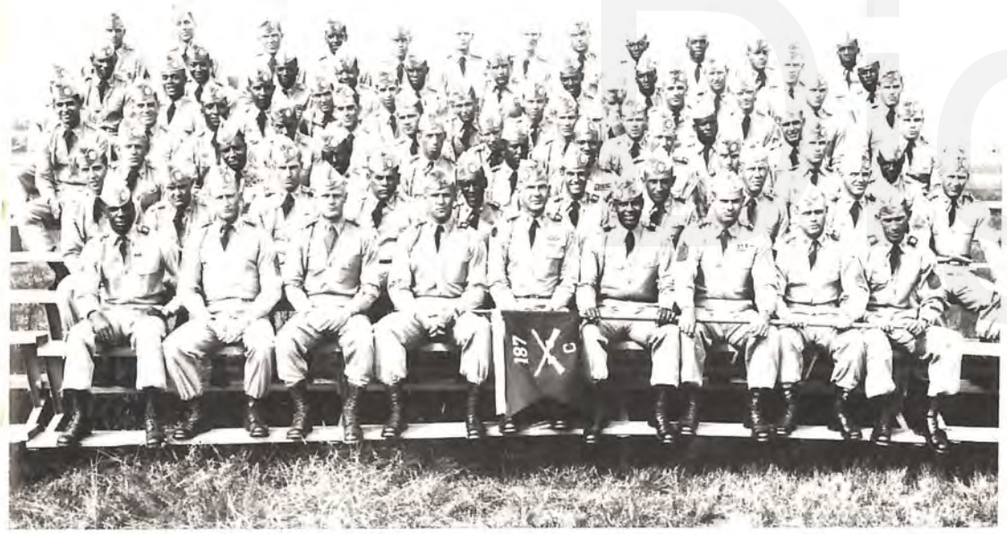
During the months of October through January the men of Baker Company performed one of their finest jobs in turning out fledgling soldiers. Baker men not only formed the cadre for the 460 recruits combined strength of the 3rd and 7th Recruit Training Companies, but also named the BAR, Dismounted Drill, M-1, and Squad Tactics Committee. Outstanding work by SFC Sullivan, M/Sgt. Kulbeck, SFC Phillips and M/Sgt. Pajak was not the exception but the generally accepted practice of Baker's NCO's and men. January brought a new CO with the new year in 1st Lt. Ralph W. Girdner.

February saw GYROSCOPE scrapped for the new Airborne concept to be realized in the re-activation of the 101st Airborne Division.

We all enjoyed a company party at Lake Taal with plenty to eat and lots of beer to drink. All hands enjoyed seeing the Platoon Sergeants pull the Company officers through an icy, waist-deep stream in a tug of war, not once but twice.

We were all sorry to see M/Sgt. Kelly Guerin leave to become Honcho/Major of the Jump School but we welcomed a fine soldier in his replacement, M/Sgt. Bradford Reed.





C COMPANY

The details of "Going Home" soon came down—Gyroscope! Some new fangled way of moving a large unit home in a few short days and not loose a man. So we all could remain in "C" Company—Won't loose our buddys! Then we learned to change the scene of our jump commands—Get Ready—turning in Equipment Stand Up—packing up—Hook up—Preliminary Inspection, Check Equipment—Last Inspection Go! Gyroscope!

Fort Bragg "Home of the Airborne." Our next home for at least 3 whole years—now we can get settled, now we can buy that new car, that Television set—and Girls! Girls!—American Girls! But first—get settled—start training—first be a soldier.

Before we had gotten really settled—that ol' Rumor started again going to move again—Ft. Campbell—Help start a New Division—a Division the likes of which the world has never seen, Got'a be there! Got'a be there!

Ft. Campbell—Ft. Campbell—January 1956—move, move! Ft. Campbell, Ky. Flat lands small post—New Barracks, Big DZ, many jumps, Nashville, New Car, New Division.

So in brief Span of one year we have really been busy—from Japan to Ft. Bragg to Ft. Campbell and Company "C" is still there—still intack—Still the best—The Big "C."



CAPT. ALTON E. PARKS
CO C Co.

SIXTH ROW

Cpl R Penman
Pvt-2 D Satterfield
Pvt-2 J Grueser
Pvt-2 S Sullivan
Pvt-2 J Edwards
Pvt-1 R Hood
Pvt-2 E Walston
Pvt-2 R Loughbom
Cpl E Wheatfall
Sp/3 A Phillips
Pvt-1 W Wagner
Pvt-1 R Lee

FIFTH ROW

Pvt-2 W Cain
Pvt-2 W Daniels
Pvt-2 C McFall
PFC C Owens
Pvt-2 C Curtis
Pvt-2 P Hernandez
Pvt-1 E Archie
Pvt-1 P Lamar
Pvt-1 J McGough
Pvt-2 J Talbot
Pvt-2 L Matthews

FOURTH ROW

Sp/3 R Gates
Pvt-1 J Groves
Pvt-2 A Rideau
Pvt-2 D Heath
Pvt-2 J Agoita
Pvt-2 M Jackson
PFC W Ferguson
Sp/3 C Ford
Pvt-2 W Breen
Sp/3 B Marlow
Pvt-2 D Carpenter
Pvt-2 W Ireland

THIRD ROW

Pvt-2 E Garza
Sp/3 C Osgood
Pvt-2 A Smith
Pvt-2 E Hollister
Sp/3 L Jackson
Pvt-2 R Ruiz
Sp/3 J West
Sp/3 L Stafford
Pvt-2 W Johnson
PFC G Granger
Pvt-2 R Russo
Pvt-1 W Day

SECOND ROW

Sp/3 J Shew
Sp/3 F Carter
Pvt-1 W Hall
Sgt W Hommas
Sgt D Richmond
SFC P Johnson
SFC J Kelley
SFC B Teague
SFC W Grooves
Sp/3 J D Franklin

FIRST ROW

Pvt-2 C Miller
Sgt M Wear
Sgt H Lowery
Sp/2 G Hernandez
Sgt R Henerson
Sgt R Ortiz
SFC A Sturba
SFC H Egelston
Sgt R Williams
Sgt P Preskitt

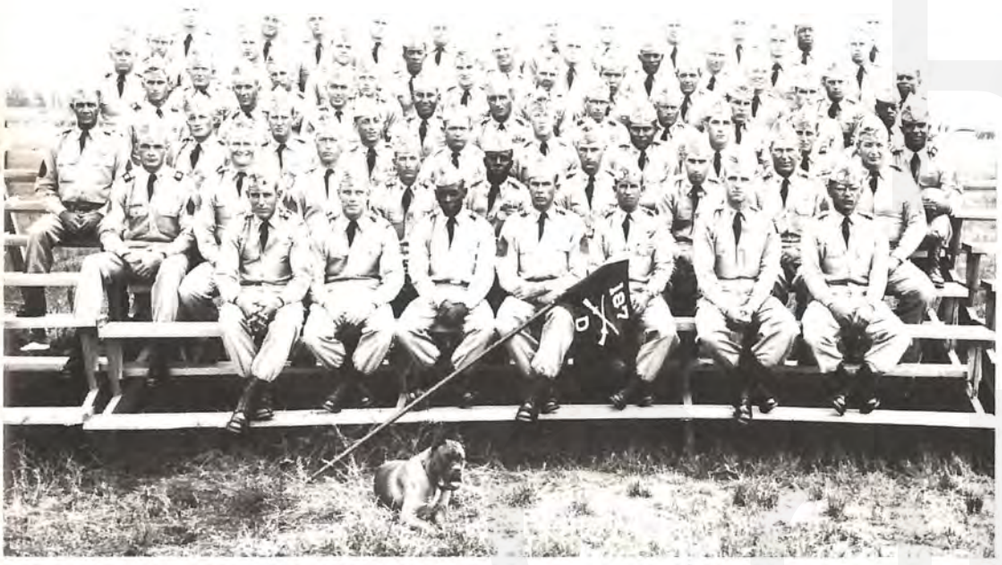
FRONT ROW

Sgt E Jenkins
M/Sgt O Wadsworth
1st Lt H Hirth
1st Lt K Good
Capt A Park (CO)
1st Lt R Gee
M/Sgt B Seago (1st Sgt)
M/Sgt G Odom
SFC C Wallen

Not Pictured:

SFC J Felos
SFC R Hobbs
SFC C Orlando
Sgt J Flowers
Sgt D Murdock
Cpl R Hogwood
Sp/3 L Barfield
Sp/3 L Jackson
Sp/3 G Rowland
PFC T Chambly
PFC E Menchaca
PFC R Riverrnback
PFC J Warren
Pvt-2 J Agoita
Pvt-2 R Bigler
Pvt-2 A Buckner
Pvt-2 R Gall
Pvt-2 D Hart
Pvt-2 M Kenneey
Pvt-2 C Mayfield
Pvt-2 M Pryor
Pvt-2 T Rains
Pvt-2 A Speer
Pvt-2 P Talanay
Pvt-1 G Gomillion
Pvt-1 J Davis
Pvt-1 A Hartman
Pvt-1 J Krumel
Pvt-1 O Richard

D COMPANY



SEVENTH ROW

Pvt-2 R Persall
Pvt-2 J Roquemore
Pvt-2 J Kelly
PFC E Hobbs
Sp/3 H Owens
Sp/3 M Baker
Pvt-1 C Moriarity
Sp/3 P Jumbelick
PFC P Lanning
Pvt-2 B Hempel
Pvt-2 R Turner
Pvt-2 J Stoddard

SIXTH ROW

Pvt-2 A Foster
Pvt-2 A Childers
Pvt-2 H Hayes
Sp/3 T Threatt
Pvt-2 H Buck
Sp/3 D Seckinger
Sp/3 A Lawrence
Sp/3 D Casteel
Pvt-2 F Crippin
Pvt-2 C Cichon

FIFTH ROW

Cpl H Peacock
Cpl R Carey
Sp/3 R Linzing
Cpl D Griffin
Pvt-2 D Broderick
Pvt-2 T Crutchfield
Pvt-2 C Janis
Pvt-2 J Brucato
Pvt-2 G Voter
PFC N Thibault
Sp/3 E Webster

FOURTH ROW

Cpl F Wohlgemuth
Sgt H Dray
Sgt R Neely
Sgt A Thomas
Sgt W Barrett
Sgt K Anderson
Cpl D Beams
Cpl W Kondos
Sp/3 J Keese
Sp/3 A Glover

THIRD ROW

Sgt M Duffell
Sgt J Hancock
Sgt R Hallford
Sp/2 C Sparno
Sp/2 A Tippin
Sgt J Holt
Sgt P Isaac
Sgt F Cozzolino
Sgt D Casey
Sgt D Scott

SECOND ROW

Sgt R Goggia
SFC C Lively
SFC J Stewart
SFC C Palmateer
SFC F Williams
SFC R Morgan
SFC D Goroves
SFC H Dingler
SFC W Calvert

FIRST ROW

2nd Lt E Hollowell
2nd Lt R Cairns
1st Lt M Colvin
M/Sgt T Pulliam (1st Sgt)
1st Lt P Balcavage (CO)
1st Lt C Coverdale (Ex O)
2nd Lt Y Kakazu
Company Mascot
Butch

Not Pictured:

L Kelly Jr
C Burris
V Myers
L Rose
W C Smith
R Aguirre
C A Berrious
R M Burnette

With the call of the Red Feather Drive in October, the men of Dog Company quickly donated 100%. With the call to join together in the Airborne Association in the month of February brought Dog Company to the 100% mark.

The Christmas season again brought forward the co-operation and support to help the needy as a Fayetteville family was adopted and assisted that all might have a merry Christmas. With the Easter season came a need for life saving donations to the Red Cross and as always Dog Company met with wholehearted response.

In the month of April the Dogs again showed their leadership ability by leading the Battalion with the best mess for three consecutive weeks. The exemplary performance over the past year was achieved by the men and by the leadership of the two company commanders, Captain Gilbert Proctor and the present Commanding Officer, 1st Lt. Paul A. Balcavage.

Only in a top flight organization will you find personnel re-enlisting for their own vacancies. This was evident by nine men re-enlisting, including M/Sgt. Kelly (1st Sgt.), M/Sgt. Pulliam (Fld First), and SP-3 Webster.

1ST LT. PAUL A. BALCAVAGE
CO D Co.



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SECOND BATTALION 187TH ARCT



MAJOR SHELDON L. THOMPSON
2nd Bn CO



Front to rear, Pvt. Teddy Przybysz, Pvt. Salvadore Schersber, Pvt. Donald Seach, Pvt. Richard Salsbury, Pvt. William Snith, and Sgt. Gregoris Garcia, Asst. Squad Leader with Sgt. Paul Larson, Squad Leader, (rear), 2nd Sqd, 4th Plt., "H" Co. going through Squad in the Attack.



Sfc Letter Driggers critiques "H" Co. Neptune after they carried out "Platoon in the defense and withdrawal," problem.

Second Battalion Staff, Left to Right, Major Jack Belford, XO, Lt. Richard Miller, S-1, Lt. Richard Rainey, S-2, Capt. Thomas Whalen, S-3, Lt. Boyd Parsons, S-4, and M/Sgt. Ambry Kidd, Sgt. Major.





Capt. Richard T. Pumphery, CO "F" Co. gives Machine Gunner, Pvt. John Wingate instructions as 1st Lt. Donald Curtis, Plt. Ldr., and Brig. Gen. Chase stand by.



Standing Left to Right: M/Sgt. James Thomas, 1st Sgt. Hq. 2nd Bn; M/Sgt. Wilbur Matheny, Act 1st Sgt. E Co.; M/Sgt. Billie Barber, Act 1st Sgt. F Co.; and M/Sgt. James Raubach, 1st Sgt. G Co. Kneeling Left to Right: M/Sgt. Aubrey Kidd, 2nd Bn Sgt. Maj.; M/Sgt. Eugene Mann, 1st Sgt. H Co.—100% membership in the Abn Association 2nd Bn, 187th ARCT.

It was just short of one year ago that the mighty Rakkasans of the Second Battalion departed the "Island of Sunshine" and fragrant memories that will come again, refreshed in our moments of drowsy lassitude.

July 13th was, to some of us perhaps, a seemingly unlucky day—for it was early that morning that the giant war birds of the 115th Troop Carrier Wing motored down a short ribbon of asphalt and up and away right into the sun. There were solemn faces, indifferent faces, blurred and lonesome faces, but we were proud to say in majority there were more smiling faces and happy faces than others. Then before Wake Island, every body was smiling—for deep down inside the "Going Home Spirit" was beginning to take hold—to even a greater paradise.

No one was blue any longer, but had assumed the air of great expectation that lay at the end of the road, for each and everyone of us as an American. American citizen and Soldier.

For those coming back home to America, there are two markers that stand as symbols to this great land they seem to say in unspoken words; ("Ours was the Golden Gate Bridge—the counter to the Statue of Liberty —seeing it gives you a close and deep appreciation to be back")—a few minutes past either of these points, envelopes you in the busy, calamitous, great American way of life.

On July 15, we arrived at our initial destination and new home, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; a hundred and five miles inland from the Eastern Seaboard. We turned our backs to Japan after a million "Sayonaras" and began a new slang of "Hi Yall's" for quite a few of us. The change came easy, for our Battalion boasted quite a few of the Southern gentlemen, who were aware of the lingo and had practiced its southern comfort. During our short stay at Fort Bragg, North Carolina we inhabited two areas. The new division area, our first home, and the old RCT area. During July and August the activities were confined mostly to "Operation ReAquaintance," leave, a few administrative jumps, and PT.

September came with a notice of eviction to a different area. The old RCT areas down past Smoke Bomb Hill, near Route No. 87.

The balance of the month found us all in a very necessary operation of rehabilitation. October tapped us on our shoulder in the midst of our fray, to check for progress (Inspection), and remind us to take a breather for the "October Feast" (THANKSGIVING), and to be thankful for all the things we didn't take time out to give thanks for the other 364 days of the year.

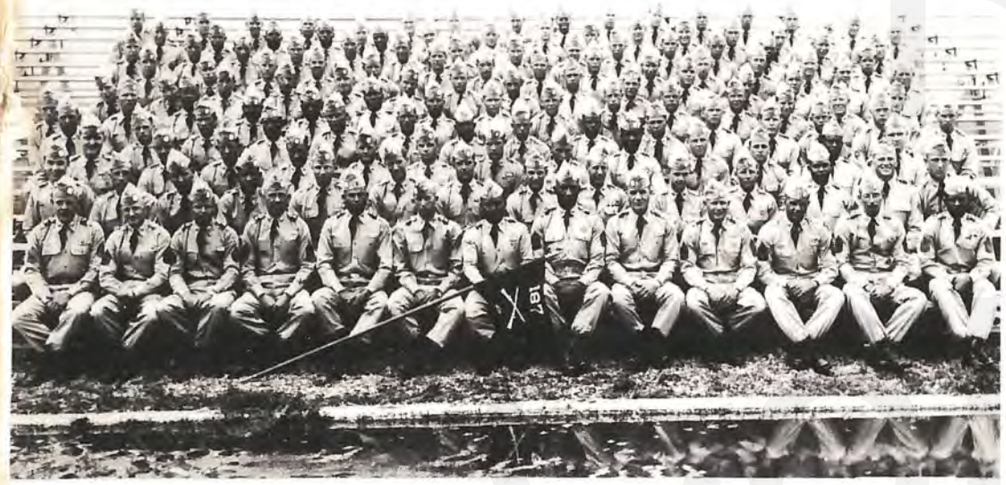
January 1956 is the greatest Airborne month for the "Thompsons' Tigers" participating in six (6) Airborne Operations. The Second Battalion Advance Party departed Fort Bragg for Fort Campbell.

February was the big month. The move began for Fort Campbell and all the troops were anxious to arrive at their new home base. The move began on the 21st of February and ended on 23 February 1956. Camp Gordon and Ringold, Georgia were sited for layovers. During this move vehicles of the 2nd Battalion traveled a total of 33,437 miles.

In March the excitement of the move to Fort Campbell the 2nd Battalion was selected to be the first organization to form and test the TO&E for the Airborne Combat Group. In order to accomplish this mission, the "Tigers" had attached to it one FA Battery which was Battery "B" of the 674th Abn FA Bn and Company "A". With these units attached the Group was formed and received its name of "Neptune Airborne Combat Group." Since the forming of this Group training exercises and Airborne operations have been a major portion of the Group Activities.

Group was also selected as one of the major figures in the Airborne Armored Operation "Operation Rakkasan," which was conducted on May 2-4, 1956. Performances such as exhibited by troops and leaders of "Group" is what encourages commanders of higher headquarters to call on "Group" on any occasion requiring high performance of troops.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



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TOP ROW
Sp/3 D Moore
Pvt-2 J Falkner
Pvt-2 C Smischny
Sp/3 R Sass
Sp/3 F Baria
Pvt-2 T Freeman
Sp/3 C Lenhardt
SFC J Fisher
Pvt-2 C McKinley
SFC L Fisher
Pvt-2 J Owens
Pvt-2 G Zant
Sp/3 L Britt
PFC A Sheffield
M/Sgt J Williamson

NINTH ROW
Pvt-2 L Skinner
Pvt-2 F Krummick
Sp/3 W McClain
SFC N Wimberley
PFC H Ellis
Pvt-2 J Tomek
PFC B Jacobs
Pvt-2 K Maynard
Pvt-2 R Baker
PFC L Van Arsdale
Pvt-2 G Hoffey
Sgt E Fricke
Sp/3 B McLeskey

Pvt-2 J Oliveria
Sgt C Willis

EIGHTH ROW
Pvt-2 J Shabdue
Pvt-2 J Parker
Pvt-2 J Wolke
Pvt-2 B Spencer
Pvt-2 J King
Pvt-2 E Jenkins
Pvt-2 K West
Pvt-2 W Post
Pvt-2 D Anderson
Pvt-2 M Lambeth
Pvt-2 W Nauss
Pvt-2 H Hussey
Pvt-2 E Franklin
Pvt-2 G Livingston
Pvt-2 D Holzberlein

SEVENTH ROW
Pvt-2 G Durborow
PFC H Clark
Pvt-2 G Bass
Pvt-2 L Alfred
PFC E Beck
Pvt-2 R Jones
Pvt-2 A Brown
Pvt-2 R Gift
Pvt-2 J Lebans
Pvt-2 A Guilbuealt

Sp/3 N McDonald
Pvt-2 C Bryant
Sp/3 W Duffin
Pvt-2 E Waukazo

SIXTH ROW
Pvt-2 T Diggs
Pvt-2 E Comstock
PFC T Heath
Sp/3 L Titman
Sp/3 J Nestor
PFC K Cubberly
Pvt-2 E York
Sp/3 D Green
Pvt-2 T Duncan
Pvt-2 E Hunt
Pvt-2 B Dodson
Pvt-2 A Flis
Pvt-2 F Drage
Pvt-2 D Walker
Cpl T Darnell

FIFTH ROW
Pvt-2 G Hopper
PFC D McDaniels
Pvt-2 C Strong
Pvt-2 B Posey
Pvt-2 H Williams
Sgt J Anderson
Pvt-2 F Villafranca
Pvt-2 J Robinson

Pvt-2 W Alcorn
Pvt-2 A Greenwald
Pvt-2 T Sternal
Pvt-2 D Tinnes
Pvt-2 E Devine
Pvt-2 R Hall
Sp/3 G Blakely

FOURTH ROW
Pvt-2 D Knauss
Pvt-2 J Chilcote
Sgt R Hudson
Sp/2 D Treadwell
Pvt-2 J MacMillian
Sp/3 P Maccini
Pvt-2 L Goosby
Pvt-2 J Anthony
PFC C Davis
Pvt-2 H Begley
Cpl A Paquette
Sgt W Mulvihill
Pvt-2 H Marange
Sp/3 H McAlister
Pvt-2 H Meyer

THIRD ROW
Sp/2 J Garrigan
Pvt-2 F Novosel
Pvt-2 J Jollay
Pvt-2 A Black
Sp/2 R Roach

Sp/2 G Myrick
Sp/3 B Lewin
Sp/2 W Treesdall
Sp/3 C Mack
Pvt-2 T Dick
Pvt-2 D Lathrum
SFC W Farrar
SFC E Judd

SECOND ROW
Pvt-2 J Hirschman
Pvt-2 M Tomlin
Pvt-2 J Waninger
Pvt-2 W Garcia
Pvt-2 M Wagner
Sp/3 W Drake
Sgt J Welch
Sgt T Jackson
Sp/3 C Browning
Pvt-2 L Harris
PFC F Miner
Sgt E Hammond
Sgt J Thornton
Pvt-2 R Paulson

FIRST ROW
SFC H Davis
SFC C Lojeck
Sgt G Maurer
M/Sgt A Kidd
Lt J Davis
Lt F Walton

Lt R Boniffacio
M/Sgt J Thomas
Lt P Petro
M/Sgt H Singley
M/Sgt R Mitchell
SFC J RABER
SFC W ALLEN
Not Pictured:
1st Lt L Beaton
Maj J Belford
Lt R Crooks
Lt Col J Lemmon
Lt R Miller
Lt B Parsons
Capt R Pumphrey
Lt R Ray
Lt E Prosser
Lt L Stinson
Lt L Vance
Capt T Whalen
M/Sgt A Franco
M/Sgt J Franklin
M/Sgt J Gibney
SFC J Beers
SFC T Bolduc
SFC W Greenwade
SFC C Hillis
SFC B Horne
SFC S Mitchell
SFC D Morton
SFC M O'Connor

SFC R Serrano
SFC J Tober
Sgt J Baxley
Sp/2 C Brewer
Sgt H Clayton
Sgt D Coen
Sgt E Colwell
Sp/2 H DeJerinett
Sp/2 J Hollmann
Sgt C Lively
Sgt V Rucker
Sgt W Talley
Sgt R Whitney
Sgt J Young
Sgt R Barrs
Sp/2 J Smith
Sp/3 G Barber
Sp/3 V Dulin
Sp/3 R Gates
Sp/3 D Green
Sp/3 P Harvey
Sp/3 D Jones
Sp/3 A Klinetob
Sp/3 J Larimore
Sp/3 W McCluskey
Sp/3 L Selzer
Sp/3 W Silvers
PFC A Bently

PFC R Bryant
PFC J Bugg
PFC R Garrity
PFC B Hubbard
PFC B Kaley
PFC R Legel
PFC R Maule
PFC H Noah
Pvt-2 G Beckler
Pvt-2 J Brandenburg
Pvt-2 A Dirksen
Pvt-2 G Faircloth
Pvt-2 B Frye
Pvt-2 J Helms
Pvt-2 J Hill
Pvt L Hollaway
Pvt-2 W Kronen
Pvt-2 R Moore
Pvt-2 R Russell
Pvt-2 N Schueller
Pvt-2 J Smith
Pvt-2 R Severson
Pvt-2 J Steed
Sp/2 R Barrs
Pvt-2 N Bivolcic
Pvt-2 P McGuire
Pvt-1 L Skinner
Pvt-1 L Smith

After the completion of Operation Gyroscope, it seemed that everything else would be an anti-climax to the members of Head-Second. However soon after the arrival of the company at Fort Bragg, the word started getting around that the whole Regimental Combat Team was going to be moved to another post to commence work on another "first" in the annals of the 187th's history.

This turned out to be a fact, and in February of this year, the RCT made the move to what is generally regarded as its real home, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The old Double Header of the 187th Airborne RCT is being transformed into Headquarters and Service Company, Airborne Combat Group Neptune. Difficulties are being ironed out and planning boards and in the field, by both experience and training, most of our young soldiers, who have been in the Army only a short time, are getting their first taste of field duty with a tactical outfit, and a lot of experience of being picked up by all concerned. Upon completion of this training cycle, the men of H&S will receive a short respite and will resume training and will come through with flying colors as the men of Double Header have always done in the past.



1ST LT. ROBERT A. BONIFACIO
CO Hq. Co. 2nd Bn



CAPT. DAVID M. PETERS
CO E Co.

In August Eagle Company received a new Company Commander, Capt. David M. Peters. Under his command the Eagles have been soaring high in everything that they do.

M/Sgt. Williamson moved up to the Battalion Staff and M/Sgt. Kalakauskis from Hawg Company stepped into the First Sergeants slot. M/Sgt. Matheny reported to the Eagles and begun leading the men out to training.

Once again the First Sergeants slot became open when M/Sgt. Kal transferred to Special Forces. We were very fortunate to have M/Sgt. Runyon return to that job. Eagle Company has been running smoothly ever since.

The Eagles had a platoon testing Land Mine Warfare for the Engineers. Sfc. Goldsberry and Sfc. Gonzaled turned out a platoon of experts. The men layed mines so well that inspectors in the area were unable to detect them. Sfc. Coursey had the honor of being the first "killed" in the tests by setting off the first mine on the first day.

In November Sgt. Eslick and his crew served one of the best Thanksgiving dinners that the company had ever had.

All of the little eaglets enjoyed the Christmas party given by the Regiment for the children.

SFC Hickey
SFC Montoya
M/Sgt Matheny
M/Sgt Runyon
Lt Garner
Capt Plosay
Lt Swink
Lt Martin
M/Sgt Perrine
SFC Quintana
SFC Fougherty
M/Sgt Wagoner
Cpl Hill
Cpl Williams
Sgt Payne
Sgt Rutherford
Sgt Martin
Sgt Pompon
Sgt Johnson
Sgt Churchwell
Sgt Stagedill
Sgt Parrish
Sgt Elish
Sgt McCary
Sgt Sheeply
Sgt Gaylord
SFC Gongalas

SFC Tooks
SFC Hobbs
SFC Coursey
Sgt Bustamante
Sgt Franslin
Sgt Key
Sgt Steel
Sgt Coleman
Sgt Smith
Sgt Owens
Sgt McCullough
Pvt Williams
Pvt Snidek
Pvt Smith
PFC Swassard
Pvt Fulgeg
Pvt Ray
Pvt Roderguz
Cpl Joyce
Pvt Bailey
Pvt McCarry
Pvt Smith
Pvt Montouth
Cpl Grider
Pvt Stakor
Pvt Washburn
Pvt Fulser

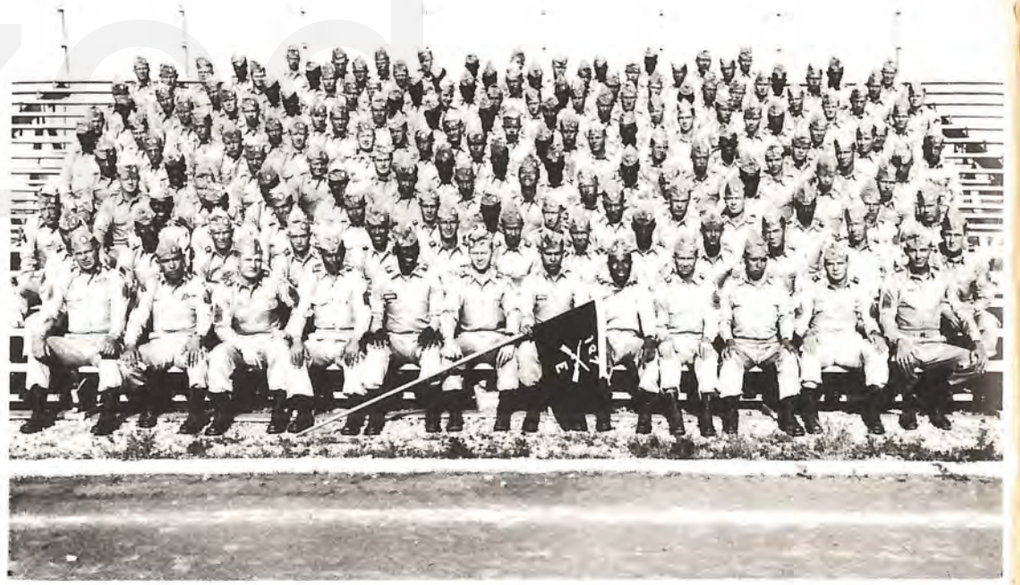
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Cpl Smith
Pvt Nelson
Pvt Cladwell
Pvt Reickfler
Pvt Wiseman
Pvt Wickman
Pvt Adams
Pvt Youngblood
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Pvt McGee
Pvt Toffines
Pvt Readon
Pvt Schnell
Pvt Gannon
Pvt Marshall
PFC Bennett
Cpl Bennett
Pvt Michell
Pvt Jones
Cpl Schnider
Cpl Keith
Pvt Curringhan
Pvt Schneider
Pvt Maldanado
Pvt Piospeie
Pvt Dulangy

Pvt Cunningham
Pvt Petts
Sp/3 McCall
Sp/3 Young
Pvt Johnson
Pvt Schoill
Pvt Abel
Pvt McAlliator
Pvt Coburn
Pvt Harrison
Pvt Biggs
Pvt Lee
Pvt Randall
Pvt Windhan
Pvt McCarty
Pvt Williams
Pvt Cano
Pvt Reidman
Pvt Schaffer
Pvt Dadderio
Pvt Smith
Pvt Moll
Pvt Couther
Pvt Youngblood
Pvt Lee
Pvt Wilcox
Pvt Turner

Pvt Underwood
Pvt Bogan
Pvt Newell
Pvt Pouiffiry
Pvt Schug
Pvt Brown
Pvt Jeffers
Pvt Beard
Pvt Litman
Pvt Brown
Pvt Konock
Cpl Asby
PFC Derrman
Pvt Pridgen
Pvt Harper
Pvt Wilson
Sp/3 Dvorac
Sp/3 Bebrs
Pvt Rathburn
Pvt Short
Pvt Drake
Pvt Mansperger
Pvt Craig
Pvt Bohn
Pvt Curley
Pvt Gray
Pvt Wilson
Pvt Boyd

Pvt Brindly
Pvt Bruce
Pvt McFadden
Pvt Anderson
Pvt Johnson
Pvt Sherman
Pvt McGee
Pvt Pollock
Pvt Kosloff
Pvt Ramey
Pvt Williams
Pvt Hadden

Not Pictured:
Lt Brown
Lt Negard
SFC Coleman
SFC Rhodes
SFC Chapa
Sgt Nelson
Sgt Reid
Sgt Harbony
Sp/3 Feick
Sp/3 Foots
Sp/3 Smart
PFC Peebles
Pvt Bjorco
Sp/3 Wilson



E COMPANY

TOP ROW
Pvt-2 J A Johnson
Pvt-2 G E Pruess
PFC Scharninghausen
PFC R Maxwell
Pvt-2 M H Kirby
Sgt S J Gutierrez
Pvt-2 W F Lowhorn
PFC A G Vaughn
Pvt-2 R L Smith
Pvt-2 G E Pitts
PFC L Graves Jr
Pvt-2 A K Brooks
PFC G A Shamley
Pvt-2 B J Craig

NINTH ROW
Pvt-2 D Castillo
Pvt-2 S T Gibson
Pvt-2 J A Walden
Pvt-2 J F Zagorski Jr
Sp/3 J L Wingate
Pvt-2 B R Tuby
Pvt-2 J Stafford
Sp/3 G Simpson Jr

Pvt-2 R E Graff
Pvt-2 B J Smith
PFC D H Tansell
Pvt-2 F Connor Jr
Pvt-2 D Shirey
Pvt-2 J C Lopez

EIGHTH ROW
Pvt-2 W M Siemon Jr
Pvt-2 R A Gonzales
Pvt-2 C G Cantu
Pvt-2 R Green
Pvt-2 E Neuman
Pvt-2 W C Brown
Sp/3 J Brundage
Pvt-2 E Majure
Pvt-2 C K Orr
Pvt-2 L L Bradford
Pvt-2 E L Engebretson
Pvt-2 F D Floyd
Sp/3 J V Delgado
Pvt-2 E F Lynch

SEVENTH ROW
Pvt-2 W J Grant

Pvt-2 N P Wentz
Pvt-2 C P Williams
Pvt-2 C Graham
Pvt-2 E H Hansan
Sp/3 D David
Pvt-2 R F Drews
Pvt-2 C H Flores
Pvt-2 J R Heaston Jr
Pvt-2 A L Fridley
Pvt-2 J Gavetti Jr
SFC A A White
Pvt-2 H F Vetterly
Sgt B Parker

SIXTH ROW
Pvt-2 D A Knutson
PFC C Simpson
Pvt-2 L Harmon
Pvt-2 R N Labbie
Pvt-2 H F Martinez
Pvt-2 W W Walston Jr
Pvt-2 J B Ireland
Pvt-2 R L Sharlow
Pvt-2 D D Gordley
Pvt-2 E L Dressler

Pvt-2 W B Washington
Pvt-2 R C Gray
Pvt-2 J S Thompson
Pvt-2 F K Brown

FIFTH ROW
Pvt-2 F A Nelson
Pvt-2 D P Waldron
Pvt-2 J D Graham
Pvt-2 C C Russell
Pvt-2 F Skidmorre Jr
Pvt-2 S Simpson
Pvt-2 H Perkins
Pvt-2 R V Zabroski
Pvt-2 H A Tabro
Pvt-2 J J Whitson
Pvt-2 W E Whitting
Pvt-2 J L Thornton
PFC R P Lamison
Pvt-2 P T Carter
Pvt-2 J T Rodriquez

FOURTH ROW
Pvt-2 E J Lenard
Pvt-2 J R Jones

PFC D A Henry
Pvt-2 J L Shivley
Pvt-2 A Campenella
Pvt-2 J R Griffin
Pvt-2 J M Pruett
Pvt-2 P S Packet Jr
Sp/3 H J Keener
Sp/3 O G Torres
Sgt L D Fulbright
Pvt-2 J H Staggs
Pvt-2 J C Taylor Jr
Sp/2 A Neves Jr

THIRD ROW
Pvt-2 G D Jones
Pvt-2 A H James
Pvt-2 H Coley
Pvt-2 K D Woodling
Pvt-2 R A Bonnell
Pvt-2 G R Hardin
Pvt-2 M A Peterson
Pvt-2 T Carter
Sp/3 R G Ross
Pvt-2 E Brown

Pvt-2 J W Queen
Pvt-2 J McMillion

SECOND ROW
Sp/3 F Briggins
Sgt L F Mielcarski
SFC T H Shuler
SFC W C Adams
Sgt J Majors
Sgt E H Fritzen
Sgt J Ventura Jr
SFC D H Hawk
Sgt W A Pochinski
Pvt-2 R M Campbell
Sp/3 J E Anderson

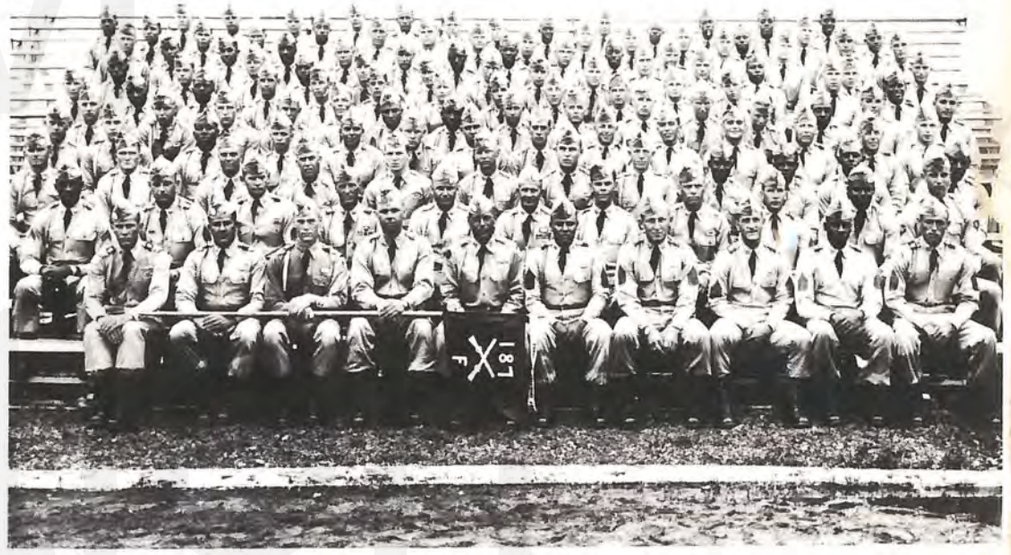
BOTTOM ROW
1st Lt D L Curtis
2nd Lt F R Bonella
2nd Lt N B McCurdy
1st Lt J H Bremer
Capt R T Pumphrey (CO)
M/Sgt J F Vargas (1st Sgt)

SFC D J Masciarelli
SFC A G Ponte
SFC G A Morris
SFC H V Rowe

Not Pictured:
1st Lt G D Jones
Pvt-2 C E D Allfrey
Sgt D A Anderson
PFC D L Carpenter
PFC J Clark
SFC A Cortez
Pvt-2 J F Davis
Pvt-2 C E Dyer Jr
Pvt-2 D L Glasier
Sp/3 J L Hamby
Pvt-2 J J Holey
Sgt W J Howell
SFC M Kalloch
Pvt-2 J C Landeros
M/Sgt C E Leal Jr
Sp/3 R A Lewis Jr
Pvt-2 S J Linvingston
Sgt H L Long
Pvt-2 E E Madden

Pvt-2 R J Montenegro
Pvt-2 B Moore
Pvt-2 R J Moschetti
Pvt-1 J W Murphy
Pvt-2 C R May
Pvt-2 J J McBee
Sgt H Nakono
Pvt-2 J L Noblitt
Pvt-2 R D Noyes
Pvt-2 N D Pisonella
Pvt-2 R B Pruitt
Sgt D F Radmer
Pvt-2 E Richardson
Sp/2 G M Rodriquez
Pvt-2 J E Schartz Jr
Pvt-2 H J Taylor
Pvt-2 J L Thomas
Pvt-1 R Toney
SFC M E Turner
PFC J L Vance
Pvt-2 H P Vanicola
PFC J H Wagoner
Pvt-2 C H Warner
Pvt-2 O Williams
Pvt-2 J M Zepeda

F COMPANY



CAPT. RICHARD C. PUMPHERY
CO F Co.



The last plane had touched the ground at McCall. The last Fox had unpacked his bag and set up his bunk in the new barracks. We were home. After five years of foreign duty the Famous Fighting Foxes were back in the States.

In December we hit the trail for field exercises in the boondocks. This was no problem to the veterans of Mori's muck and mud. The weeks stay in the field of Fort Bragg was like a picnic.

As we returned to camp, via Corcoran, we were welcomed by the 187th Band who escorted us in with a very appropriate number, "When the Saints Come Marching In."

Late in December, we received news that we were going to get some help in our undersized company. Our new recruits began to pour in. We had to train these new men in the art of soldiering as only a Fox knows how, and to send them to jump school.

New Replacements joined us from the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky to help us rebuild the 101st Airborne Division and to train Officers and Enlisted Men in this new fighting technique. We got off to a fine start as we begun our field exercises in April.

With the Company fully organized and functioning in a manner that is characteristic of the Foxes; we look forward to bigger and better things in the very near future.



G COMPANY

1956 greeted us with 25 hour days and 8 day weeks, but things like that are to be accepted and taken in stride for the "unexpected" is our business and way of life.

Sixty (60) new faces were greeted by the Company to assist the skeleton crew that represented the company. They were badly needed; also January was the kick-off month for the advance departure to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, our present home and incidentally, the original home of the Regiment before its departure overseas in 1950. 1st Lt. Charlie W. Brewington and a handful of men advanced on Campbell on 17 January 1956; the main body following and closing in 34 days.

On 21 February, "Georgette," our Company Mascot was dropped from the morning report and reassigned to civil authority of the Battalion Newspaper Boy. The next month was a long march of 31 days and out of it grew a new test group, which we are proud to be a part of—COMBAT GROUP NEPTUNE. April beckoned us to the field for four days, our initial field venture of the year of 56. Our new Company Mascot, Lil George V, made his debut. His age, 37 days old. He will be the Spirit Commander of this organization until relieved. After retirement he definitely is looking forward to doing 20 with all the benefits. As George butts into an expected long and diligent tour of leadership, he has behind him 240 Gallant, Obedient, Airborne Troopers.



CAPT. GEORGE A. REICHER, JR.
CO G Co.

TOP ROW
Pvt R K Vince
Pvt L Middleton
PFC R Carter
Sgt B A Hinds
Pvt M Wesson
Pvt G A Tew
Pvt R L Martin
Pvt D W Smith
Sp/3 J Brooks
Pvt G A Dalrymple
Pvt W C Roach
Pvt G L Sheppard
Pvt S Lopez
Pvt P C Gallagher

EIGHTH ROW
Pvt J N Johnson
Pvt R Hamel
Pvt C C Dunn
Sp/3 A Tracy
PFC W Dailey
Pvt R P Monda
Pvt B R Boles
Pvt L A Kouwinski
Pvt O Porizo
Pvt N McWilliams

Pvt G Schulof
Pvt E O Merrell
Pvt C Mathis

SEVENTH ROW
PFC K Miller
Pvt C W Graves
Pvt E E Heisul
Pvt C Harris
Cpl H Lowe
Pvt L Lockly
Pvt J S Imbres
Sp/3 E C Shaut
Sp/3 T Sernil
Pvt J Ogara
Pvt W Ward
Pvt D Reynolds

SIXTH ROW
Pvt C Palmer
Pvt E Engel
Sgt B G Dobbins
Sp/3 W C Hinlos
Pvt M B Downing
Pvt R Raymond
Sp/3 T Freeman
Pvt J Pierse
Sgt B D Stowe

PFC G D Hoskins
Pvt M S Reitzel
Pvt R L Moseley
Pvt F A Collins

FIFTH ROW
Pvt P Rodriquez
Sp/3 J L Allen
PFC W V Ryan
PFC F S Lloyd
Pvt D E Vitulio
Pvt J L Kelly
Pvt M Miller
Pvt E Schocz
Pvt M Page
Sgt C Mitchel
Pvt G W Shafer

FOURTH ROW
Sgt D J Mengas
Pvt J P Allen
Pvt B Dalrymple
Sgt W W Lewis
Pvt O J Phillips
PFC W T Pridgen
Pvt D C Tomlin

Pvt R Mitchel
Sp/3 J Anderson
Sp/3 R W Wright
PFC G V Kruman

THIRD ROW
Sp/3 J C Iman
Pvt D K Apple
Pvt R J Zimmel
Pvt W J Recker
Pvt M D Baldassarri
Pvt R E Cottrill
Pvt E G Engel
PFC J Graves
Sp/3 A J Allen

SECOND ROW
Sgt D C Satterfield
Sgt M K Lewandowski
Pvt B Jefferies
Pvt E C Cole
PFC P Brown
Pvt A D Dowing
Pvt L J Sample
PFC C M Haines
Pvt P A Renslow

Pvt R B Bishop
Pvt M A Crowder

FIRST ROW
SFC H N Cody
2nd Lt J L Denman
2nd Lt T H Olsen
1st Lt H G Moseley
Capt J E Reichert (CO)
M/Sgt C Watts (1st Sgt)
1st Lt C W Brewington
SFC R M Rhodes
SFC C L Dobbs
M/Sgt J B Raubach

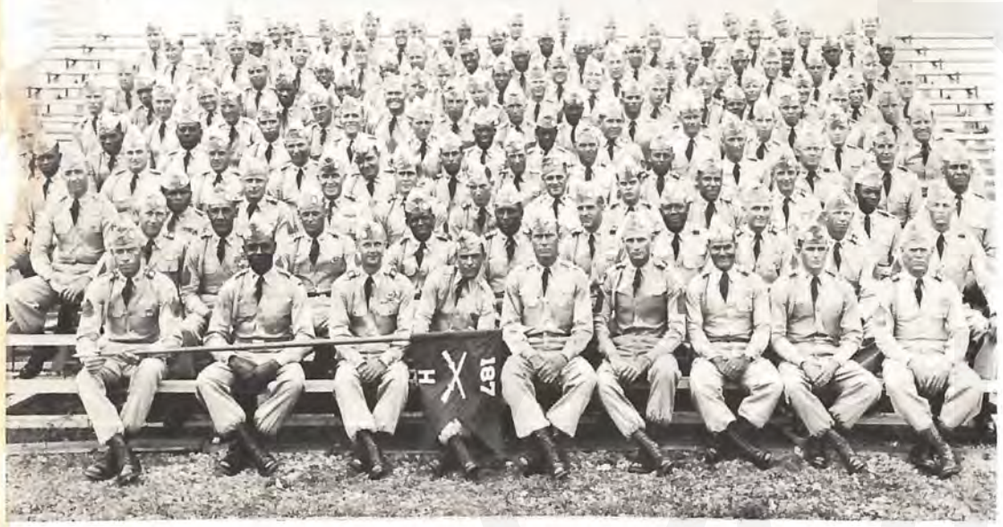
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SFC D G Gilstrap
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SFC R A Leriche
SFC G M Martinez
SFC V E Miller

SFC M Paul
SFC J Ragland
Sgt E A Anderson
Sgt C H Clark
Sgt G S Godsey
Sgt J D Holt
Sgt M Milton
Sgt W F C Perkins
Sgt J T Robinson
Sgt T A Rogers
Sp/3 R Carreon
Sp/3 C Alphonso
Sp/3 R F Devane
Sp/3 R D Feazell
Sp/3 L R Hardee
Sp/3 G W Kirk
Sp/3 G E Kohler
Sp/3 H P Liljd
Sp/3 J G Saunders
Sp/3 P L Sims
Sp/3 D Vaughn
PFC A J Guerrera
PFC G P Horner
PFC L James
PFC N T Jefferson
PFC R Jones
PFC J C Kiss

PFC L Miles
PFC C D Owens
PFC E H Papelje
PFC C W Standford
PFC C D Straughn
Pvt J G Arentz
Pvt K Baglien
Pvt M B Bailey
Pvt J H Baldwin
Pvt R B Bates
Pvt R L Bogges
Pvt C H Bunton
Pvt R L Berynell
Pvt H W Christian
Pvt A L Coffey
Pvt R Cordeiro
Pvt G W Craig
Pvt M A Crowder
Pvt W J Dias
Pvt D R Douglas
Pvt J H English
Pvt J P Fetcho
Pvt F Figueros
Pvt C W Graves
Pvt J E Greeley
Pvt J Hogan

Pvt D R Holland
Pvt V J Jefferies
Pvt R G Juliam
Pvt E P Kittle
Pvt J P Knight
Pvt G W Little
Pvt D C Mudrak
Pvt M Pagge
Pvt D Pierce
Pvt A J Rivellino
Pvt J Rodriguez
Pvt A Rednicki
Pvt G W Shaffer
Pvt G P Sheppard
Pvt S Calvin
Pvt L Spigner
Pvt H Sweet
Pvt D W Swing
Pvt J B Thompson
Pvt F Tijerine
Pvt G R Touris
Pvt P Waddington
Pvt J Walter
Pvt E G Whitebird
Pvt A F Wobig
Pvt M D Whities

H COMPANY



TOP ROW
Pvt C Bergemann
Pvt E Albinola
Pvt G Hahn
Pvt L Knight
Pvt E Duncan
Pvt G Buckner
Pvt B Tucker
Pvt J Emery
Pvt E Howley
Pvt T Przybysz
Pvt D Seach
Pvt S Schrieber
Pvt R Salsbury
Pvt D Desimone

TENTH ROW
Pvt R Rogers
Pvt G Fansler
Pvt A Godbott
Pvt J Alchin
Pvt C Bye
Pvt L Ulivarri
Pvt A Castillo

Pvt E Apodaco
Pvt L Nevels
Pvt J Skinkis
Pvt L Puterbaugh
Pvt J Wilhite
Pvt J Rebensky
Pvt R Carizzoza
Pvt C Roach

NINTH ROW
Pvt B Adcock
Pvt G Ahlstrom
Pvt J Kondisko
Pvt J Nelson
Pvt J Bybee
Pvt H Rembert
Pvt C Christmas
Pvt J Johnson
Pvt J Nash
Pvt R Poole
Pvt J Roman
Pvt W Smith
Pvt M Price
Pvt F Turner

EIGHTH ROW
Pvt G DeMallie
Pvt W Gibbons
Pvt E Terrazas
Pvt S Hollinsworth
Pvt I Sims
Pvt R Gallant
Pvt W Tripp
Pvt E Mencer
Pvt R Mallicoat
Pvt R Smith
Pvt A Blair
Pvt W Gholson
Pvt E Calderon
Pvt W James

SEVENTH ROW
Pvt R McCoy
Pvt D Dunn
Pvt C Peterson
Pvt S Hogan
Pvt W Fry
Pvt E Easter
Pvt L Adams

Pvt R Seibert
Pvt C Deatsch
Pvt J Carmichael
Pvt A Little
Pvt L Edwards
Pvt D Verdugo
Pvt W Eckstein

SIXTH ROW
Pvt J Dorsey
Pvt J Ford
Pvt W West
Pvt C Early
Pvt H Wilkinson
Pvt J Ambrose
Pvt E McFadden
PFC J Courts
PFC W McCoy
Sp/3 J Pitts
Pvt L Hodge
Pvt W Tyler
Pvt G Carter
PFC R Norris

FIFTH ROW
Pvt O Cantrell
PFC J Staton
Sp/3 A Butts
Sp/3 R Torres
Sp/3 V Aaron
Sp/3 D Bracey
Sp/3 D Washington
Sp/3 J Smith
Sp/3 P Scherer
Sp/3 M Hastcoat
Sp/3 B Grimes
PFC J Sherwood
PFC C Theabeau

FOURTH ROW
Sp/3 H Sturdvant
Sgt T Teer
Sgt R Angell
Sgt A George
Sgt J Vallerio
Sgt G Garcia
Sgt S Ippolito
Sgt R Goins

Sgt J Gomes
Sgt F Fulford
Sgt W Dearman
Cpl C Peeler

THIRD ROW
Sp/2 B Byrd
Sgt H Goodman
Sgt A Ronis
Sgt P Lawson
Sgt J Mayo
Sgt W Ackron
Sgt J Corderrio
Sgt D Shahan
Sgt M Grayson
Sgt P Garner
Sgt I Elam
Sp/3 J Islas

SECOND ROW
Sgt M Matteson
SFC F Brown
SFC J Townsend
SFC C Smith

SFC T Wyatt
SFC R Tindell
SFC A Fair
SFC W McKibben
Sgt T Redd
Sgt R McDonald

FIRST ROW
Sgt J P Taylor
2nd Lt M Oliver
1st Lt R Coleman
1st Lt W Flynn
Capt W Manderson (CO)
M/Sgt E Mann (1st Sgt)
1st Lt S Santory
2nd Lt L Lee
M/Sgt E Davis

Not Pictured:
Pvt J E Anderson
Pvt N Bowers
Sgt J Burton

Pvt D L Case
SFC A Chapman
Pvt T W Debardelaben
Cpl R R Enriquez
SFC H Ford
Sgt R Fryman
Sgt M Kreamer
Pvt R G Kenny
Pvt R P Kane
PFC R Legingood
SFC J McNeil
PFC J Moore
PFC E Moore
Pvt D M Rogers
PFC J Stafford
SFC E Sundie
PFC S Swann
SFC T Thompson
Sp/2 E Turner
Pvt J Veterano
SFC J Williams
Sgt D Worthy
Sp/2 E Youngblood

Around the first of October part of the men went to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to bring back jeeps and trucks. The rest of the men started having crew drills to keep up their know how on the weapons.

During the first couple of weeks in December the company went on a lot of night problems to get the men used to the elements of night fighting. The men worked hard at their jobs.

After the holidays and the return to a full days training, a lot of new men were put into the company who had just finished jump school. With the announcement that the 187th was moving to Fort Campbell, Ky., to help re-activate the famed 101st Airborne Division, the company prepared for the move. Leaving Fort Bragg on the twenty first of February we arrived at Fort Campbell on the twenty fifth.

During the early part of March we moved again, to the 188th area to start forming the atomic battle group, named AIRBORNE COMBAT GROUP NEPTUNE and prepared to change from a heavy weapons company to a rifle company.

CAPT. WILLIAM T. MANDERSON
CO H Co.



THIRD BATTALION 187TH ARCT



MAJOR HENRY F. ROUSE
3rd Bn CO



3rd Bn, 187th ARCT put up a Bn size sign, 19 Jan. 1956



3rd Bn jump on DZ Sicley North, Fort Bragg, N. C.

3rd Battalion Staff, Left to Right, Major Robert H. Phillips, XO, Lt. John O. Armm, S-2, Capt. Joseph R. Castelli, S-3, Capt. Gerald R. Tooner, S-4, and M/Sgt. Jack B. Moore, Sgt. Major.



Left to Right: Sgt's. William C. Leak, Nathaniel Rainey, and Kenneth K. Coffman serve as demonstrators and Instructors for the 3rd Bn during daily Physical Training Program.



SFC Hoover C. Moore, Mess Sgt. K Co., 187th ARCT contemplating Thanksgiving Day feast, the main dish for dinner looks over his shoulder.



With the arrival of the 187th Airborne RCT into the States from Japan, and the subsequent change of Station from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the Third Battalion underwent many changes of command, varied assignments and assumed many important responsibilities.

January of 1956, the Battalion was ordered to act as the first increment for the Regimental move to Fort Campbell. Attached units were added to the Battalion and under the leadership of Major Rouse, departed for Kentucky.

The Battalion assignments were many and included housing of attached personnel. The 7290th Guidance Unit and the Advanced Party of the 187th Airborne RCT. Recruit training was also a large responsibility and "L" Company, under Captain James C. Watkins was selected for this task. Plans were immediately drafted by Captain Joseph R. Castelli, and with the concurrence of higher headquarters, were placed into effect. A second recruit contingent arrived on the Post and they were assigned to King Company for eight weeks advance individual training. At this time the Company was commanded by 1st Lt. George A. Grayeb, Jr.

In February, the Battalion changed location and moved to 42nd and Indian Street. The Battalion Staff received a new Officer in 1st Lt. George W. Gaspard Jr., who was assigned as Battalion Adjutant relieving 1st Lt. Ishmael Pack who became the Administrative Assistant to Colonel Chase and later aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Chase.

Improvements in the Battalion area were led by Captain Harry B. Harris of "Mighty Mike" Company and 1st Lt. "Ace" Burkhard of "Ibu" Company. Planting of grass seed and flowers and spring rains produced copius amounts of grass and many exotic colors graced the scene.

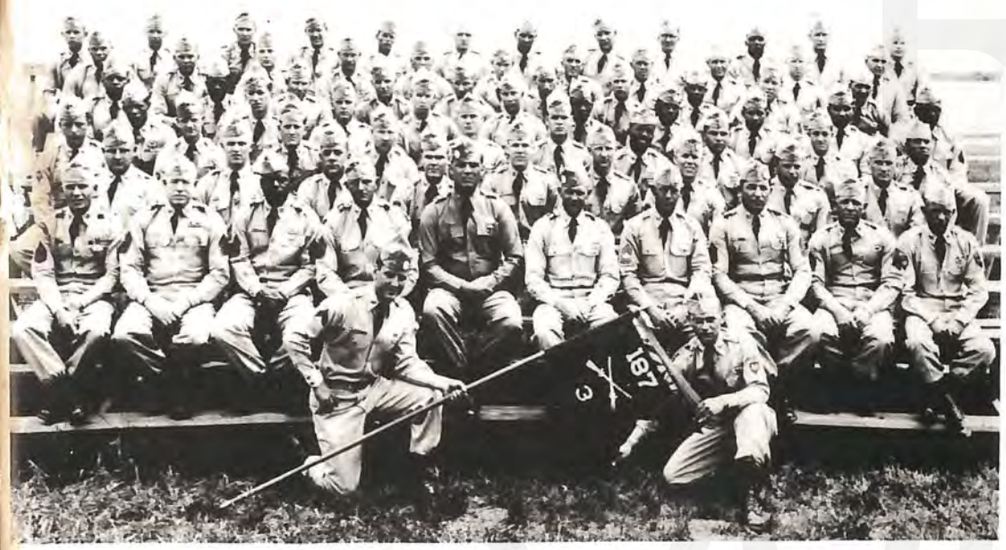
In April the housekeeping chores and the hotel business increased for the Third Battalion. 1st Lt. Ronnie Zahm of Head Third had guests in the form of Company "A" of the 44th Tank Battalion of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. They were here on the post to participate in the Airborne Armored link-up exercise for the Armored Advanced Students of Fort Knox, Kentucky. While the tankers were training, the Third Battalion played hosts to the visit of 100 ROTC Cadets who inspected Fort Campbell.

April also saw the preparedness by the Third Battalion for the Annual IG Inspection. Major Robert Phillips, XO and 1st Lt. Robert K. Mosier, S4, were busily "birddogging" the Companies inspecting records and equipment. Sgt. Major Jack Moore acted for the S1 in readying the Companies for this important inspection.

The first class graduated from Jump School this month with L Company recently graduated recruits leading the way.

While speaking of jumping, the Third Battalion compiled the enviable record of dropping 2448 men with only one injury since 16 July 1955 through 22 May 1956.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



TOP ROW
Pvt-2 B J Harrison
Pvt-2 D Rasmussion
Sp/2 C Morgan
Pvt-2 H Carver
Pvt-2 F E Pierce
SFC J P Langwasser
SFC P Villaaflor
Sgt D E Conlee
Sp/2 R Nishiyama
Sgt J Flemming
Sp/2 W C Arneu
Sp/2 R W Anderson

SIXTH ROW
PFC H Parks
Pvt-2 N Silge
Pvt-2 D Ripplinger
PFC J T Glenn

Sp/3 R E Newman
PFC C E Helton
Pvt-1 F L Martin
PFC T Tobler
Cpl L W Koontz
Sgt J Pederson
Sp/2 M R Mizzels

FIFTH ROW
Sgt J Wilkins
Sp/3 L Majors Jr
Pvt-2 J Nance
Pvt-2 J P Gertie
Sp/3 M J Harka
Sp/3 J Simon
Cpl R A Bruflodt
Pvt-2 L W Riley Jr
SFC M Meredith
Pvt-2 E West

FOURTH ROW
Cpl M Robinson
Pvt-2 E Demicole
PFC M M Guelff
Pvt-2 A C Fallen
Pvt-2 C F Burton
Sp/2 R Slater
Pvt-2 G Palamer
Sp/3 A D Larez
Pvt-2 T Toloy
Sgt E R Holmes

THIRD ROW
Sp/3 R F Kotva
Sp/3 W E Bullock
PFC B G Gray
Sp/3 B R Ryan
Pvt-2 D H Paul
PFC R L Cain

Sp/2 W Pruitt
Pvt-2 C Espanoza
Pvt-2 W B Walston
Pvt-2 H B Leyva

SECOND ROW
SFC J J Jones
Sp/2 J H Mason
Sp/2 R L Cover
Sp/2 W Bietzel
PFC D G Bietzel
Pvt-2 J R Helton
Sp/3 G W Bryan
Sgt D E Gallimore
Sgt H E Young

FIRST ROW
SFC W Osborne
M/Sgt O G Davis

M/Sgt J Constantine
M/Sgt J W Bryan (1st Sgt)
1st Lt R J Zahm (CO)
1st Lt C J Fulford (ExO)
M/Sgt R Smith
M/Sgt E R Barnes
M/Sgt C E Holland
Sp/1 J E Frisbee

Not Pictured:
Pvt-1 W Anderson
M/Sgt D R Bullington
Sgt C E Clark
Pvt-2 A Elsner
Pvt-2 D L Funderburg
Sp/2 A E Hansen

Pvt J J Hassell
PFC C Herbert
Sgt B R Johnson
Pvt-2 J M Lovetere
PFC H McGavock
Pvt-2 C Neubauer
Pvt-1 B R Parker
Sp/3 J Pehrson
Sp/3 B J Rappe
Sp/3 R St Clair
Pvt-2 D Shepard
Pvt-1 K Smith
Sgt J C Spears
Sp/2 A Wiand
Sgt J Uselac
PFC R Welch
Sp/2 N Wessinger
Sp/2 C Tackett

From July 1955 through December 1955 the Company participated in various duties with the Regiment to include Static Line Test Jumps with Test Board No. 5 at Fort Bragg; conducted and participated in various Battalion and Regimental Reviews in honor of personnel being decorated and/or retired; conducted Battalion tactical and training jumps on Salerno and Sicily DZ's; trained in Land Mine Warfare Tactics and ended the year of 1955 with a bivouac in the field.

January of 1956 found the Unit moving TO&E to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to establish the new home of the Rakkasans and to replace the famed 11th Airborne Division which Gyroscoped to Europe. Once at Fort Campbell the Company did an outstanding job in becoming and operating the Replacement Company for Headquarters Fort Campbell and the 187th Airborne RCT at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In March 1956 the Company was relieved of the mission of operating the Replacement Company and began once more to support the Third Battalion in Garrison and in the field. The Company is under the command of 1st Lt. Ronald J. Zahm with M/Sgt. James Bryan as First Sergeant.

1ST LT. RONALD J. ZAHM
CO Hq. Co.





CAPT. HARDIN C. SHORT
CO I Co.

Many of the younger "Rakkasans" may not know of the source of the fierce pride of the men of IBU. The following account tells of its inception. The price and spirit of IBU Company had its beginning in Japan on a slope in Mori Valley late one evening when the company commander at that time, Capt. Robert I. Channon, encountered the now famous creature known as IBU. IBU desired to join the Rakkasans so Capt. Channon agreed to enlist IBU as the company mascot in return for the influence and good luck that IBU would bestow on the company. IBU was immediately accepted by the men as his fame spread rapidly throughout the Far East. His fierce lion's head with its moose antlers topped a powerful gorillas body and a strong alligators tail. As one can see the physical appearance of the IBU well represents the character of "I" Company; brave as a lion, strong as a gorilla, staunch as a moose, and tough as an alligator.

It is no wonder that a member of the IBU troops never forgets his old unit nor the spirit of comradeship and teamwork that makes IBU the "Pride of the 187th." It is the pride and spirit that IBU company will carry with it when it becomes an integral part of the new 101st Airborne Division this summer.



TOP ROW

Cpl J McLean
SFC J Slover
Pvt-1 R Tony

FIFTH ROW

Pvt-2 R Prickett
Pvt-2 A Curtis
Pvt-2 V Schlighter
Pvt-2 B Likens
Pvt-2 A Tawney
Sp/3 I Gerringer
Sp/1 C Jones
Sp/3 A Braithwaite

FOURTH ROW

Sgt A Martin
Sgt J Conway
Pvt-2 W Pedrick
PFC F Forsyth
Pvt-2 R Bernhagen
Sp/3 M Pepper
Pvt-2 N Riffell
Pvt-2 D Short
Cpl B Pernol

THIRD ROW

Sp/3 R Grimm
Sp/3 J Calhoun
Sgt E Cartwright
Pvt-2 C Lee
Pvt-1 G Franklin
Pvt-2 B Sweeting
Sgt L Huff
SFC E Chastain

SECOND ROW

SFC T Boudoin
Pvt-2 A Solano
SFC C B Wheatley
Sgt P Gregory
Pvt-2 E Kurrelmeyer
SFC R Redmond
Sgt S Neff

FIRST ROW

1st Lt R McKee
2nd Lt G Chickalla
1st Lt J Williams
1st Lt A Burkhard
(CO)
M/Sgt J Smith
(1st Sgt)
2nd Lt D Reid

Not Pictured:

Sp/3 C Barkman
Pvt-2 C Broad
Sgt D Emel
PFC G English
SFC R Faircloth
Sgt P Farrell
SFC A Hall
Sp/3 J House
Sp/3 R McClain
Sgt R Meade
Cpl W Meehan
Sp/3 R Montano
Cpl F Montez
Sgt W Pauley
SFC W Peacock
Sp/2 L Roberge
M/Sgt M Searles
SFC L Smith
Sp/3 B Stanley
SFC J Taylor
SFC B Taylor
Sgt D Volk

I COMPANY

K COMPANY

TOP ROW

Sp/3 J White
Sp/3 C Virden
Sp/3 J Woodward
SFC P Fink
Sgt W Blankenship
Sgt R Clarey
Sp/2 L Northcutt
Sp/2 R Gorves
Sgt H Call
Sp/3 J McCallum

FIFTH ROW

PFC E Ehrhardt
Sgt W Poche
Sgt K Coffman
Pvt A Fox
Pvt J Lee

PFC B Jones
SFC B Tate
Sp/3 C Hawkins
Sp/2 F Maxwell
Pvt J Taylor

FOURTH ROW

Pvt J Johnson
Pvt R Peters
Pvt L Reynolds
SFC L Mills
Sp/3 F Gerage
Sp/2 H Helm
Sp/3 W Young
PFC B Cain
Sp/3 F LaMica
Cpl F Cota

THIRD ROW

Pvt M Murray
SFC A Bernosky
SFC W Ignatz
SFC A Bjornstal
Sgt A Rodriquez
Sp/2 R Hall
Sgt N Rainey
Sp/3 J Salerno
PFC R McKendrick

SECOND ROW

SFC W Rea
M/Sgt T Grove
M/Sgt T James
Sp/3 J Steele
Sgt W May
Pvt S Steele
Sp/3 H Haime
SFC S Taylor

FRONT ROW

M/Sgt J Tickle
2nd Lt Wolstenholme
M/Sgt P Mental
(1st Sgt)
Capt D M Peters
(CO)
1st Lt J Walls
2nd Lt D Pemberton
M/Sgt E Barkdull

Not Pictured:

2nd Lt J A Heyde
1st Lt J R Tippett
M/Sgt C J Cash
SFC R Harvatin
SFC R Ramos
SFC O Williams
Sgt H Stevens
Sgt R O'Mori
Sgt T O'Mara
Sgt B Allen
Sp/2 R Stahr
Sp/3 R Peay
Pvt T Freeze
Pvt L Downing
Sp/2 R Biegel
Sgt G Thomsen
Pvt R Manning
Pvt G Trapnell
Pvt C Williams

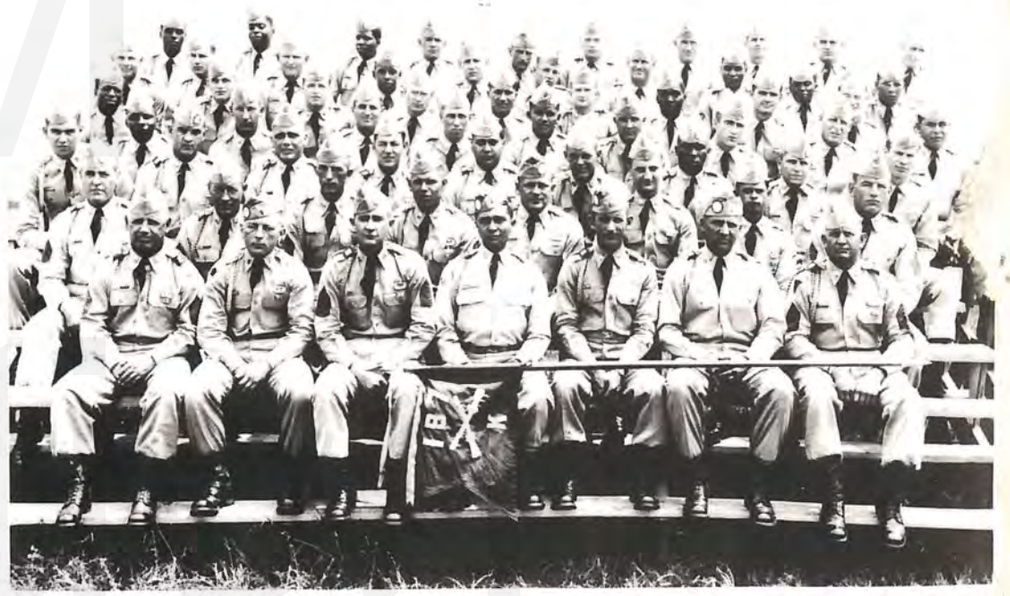
CAPT. DAVID M. PETERS
CO K Co.

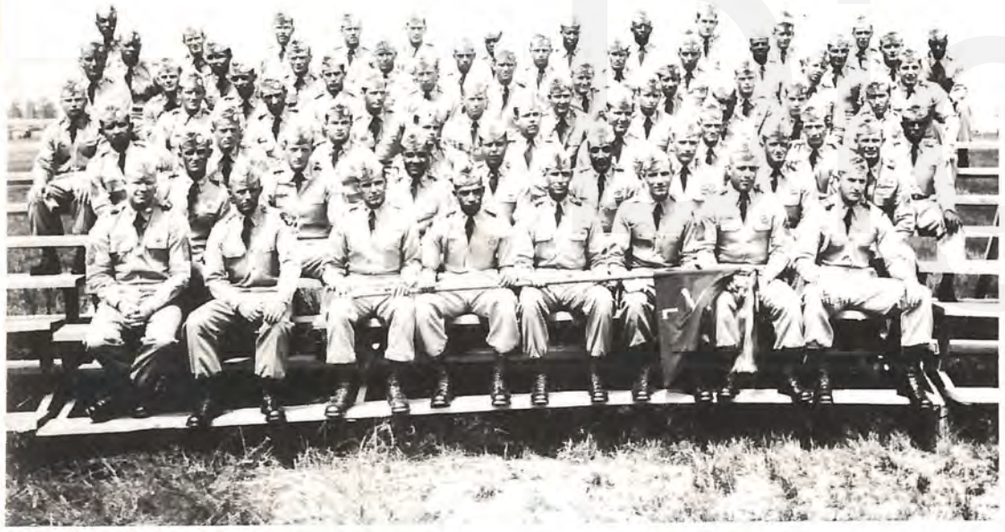


Upon return to Fort Bragg from Japan, eager for work and curious to know what our next assignment would be, we soon found that being part of an elite unit is not easy; that we had to show our worthiness to such a title. Our day would begin with some of the most strenuous physical training we had ever encountered. After which we continually perfected the techniques of Infantry Tactics.

When the army needed a new system for Land Mine Warfare it was only proper that they should call on "King Kong" to do the job. We accepted our new responsibility with all the spirit we had shown throughout our stay in the Far East. The higher authorities had but one comment for our efforts, "Well Done."

Upon our arrival to Fort Campbell we were given the assignment of training basics, a job completely new to us. Due to the large number of men in our first group we found it necessary to divide the company into two recruit companies. This idea worked out well despite the necessity of having two complete staffs of cadre personnel.





L COMPANY

Late summer and early fall of 1955 caught the "Lions" preparing to be better soldiers. Training cycles began anew, equipment was polished and inspections were held. We could no longer rely on "Boy san" to pull KP or shine the brass. We had field exercises and tactical parachute jumps both day and night. We roared "all the way."

Many of our top NCO's went to the 1st Bn to train basic trainees. Among these were Sgt. Wiles, a 57 RR instructor, known as "Backblaster," Sfc. Wood, a 60 MM Mortar instructor, known as "Baseplate," and Sgt. Ralston, a 30 Cal. LMG instructor known as "Mr. Burst of Six." The "Lions" were going full speed ahead. All the comments received on their instruction is noteworthy and commendable.

One of the most important changes came in the command Post. Captain George Daoust bid us "Sayanara" and Captain James C. Watkins took command on 22 September 1955.

We also gained and lost an Executive Officer. 1st Lt. Alfred Burkhard left the XO and took over the task of taming "Ibu." 1st Lt. Thomas R. York came into the organization to replace Lt. Burkhard. 1st Lt. Al Roper is now in the company and is presently coaching the 3rd Bn baseball team. Our 1st Sergeant also changed hands, M/Sgt. Claude Hamberlin took over the "Top Slot" once more, replacing M/Sgt. Earl Barnes who transferred to Head Third awaiting discharge.

As it is often quoted in the "Den," it is not the individual or the unit as a whole but the everlasting teamwork of every blooming soul. ROAR LIONS ROAR.



CAPT. JAMES C. WATKINS
CO L Co.

TOP ROW
Pvt-2 P L Dawson
Sp/3 J Bailey
Pvt-2 J M Postalle
Pvt-2 L D Simpson
Pvt-2 R Watson
Sp/3 W C Murphy
Sp/3 P Suber
PFC C Johnston
PFC J L Epley
Pvt-2 B C Thomas
Pvt-2 R Godek
Pvt-2 C Davis

SIXTH ROW
Pvt-2 A Meade
Pvt-2 W E Garcia
Pvt-2 B Wooten
Cpl G H Peterson
Sp/3 R Echevarria
PFC G L Mizer
Sp/3 J Balderrama
Pvt-2 G Janis
Pvt-2 J H Hover
PFC J P Rodriguez
PFC W B McLellan Jr

FIFTH ROW
Pvt-2 C Stevens
Pvt-2 D Duxburg
Pvt-2 J R Allen
Pvt-2 B Thomas
Pvt-2 E Peck
Cpl G Kaer Jr
Pvt-2 J W Quinn
Pvt-2 F Prades
Pvt-2 F V Nickels
Pvt-2 J Zancolich
Pvt-2 P Arzano

FOURTH ROW
Pvt-2 D Burros
Sgt B C Golding
Sgt D R Long
Sgt K H DeFer
Sgt W L Martin
Pvt-2 A Peterson
Pvt-2 N Durarte
Pvt-2 H R Puga
Pvt-2 T White
Sp/3 H Archuletta

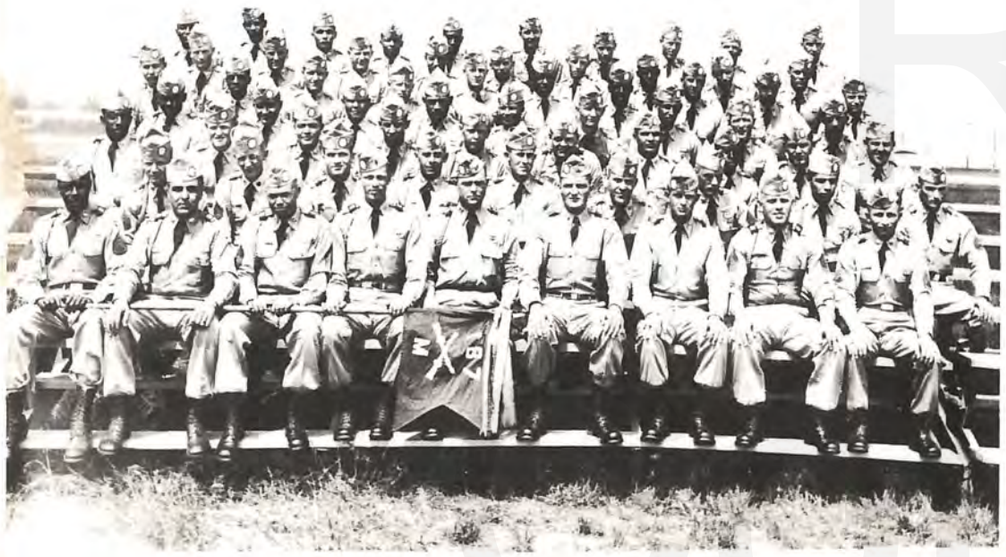
THIRD ROW
SFC J Casers
Sgt T Peterson
Sgt J K Blackburn
Sgt W Shackelford
Sgt R Colvert
SFC J McKaskill
Sp/2 J R Conn
PFC F D Soloman
Cpl F D Taylor

SECOND ROW
SFC A S Fiore
Sgt C C Rolston
SFC W E Catus
SFC R O Cramer
Sgt F D Soto
Sgt W S Riley
SFC R D Nugent
M/Sgt J M Hulse

FIRST ROW
M/Sgt C L Hamberlin (1st Sgt)
2nd Lt C E Hobson
2nd Lt E E Brant
1st Lt A Roper
Capt J C Watkins (CO)
1st Lt D S Grosset
M/Sgt E H Bowyer
2nd Lt C Bliss

Not Pictured:
SFC H Buskey
SFC M Conarton
Sgt A Ford
Sgt J H Howard
PFC W E King
Pvt-2 G E Knight
Sp/3 C Shillings
Pvt-2 J Smith
SFC O L Piersall
Pvt-2 E H Shelton
Sgt S C Allen
Pvt-2 R Bingham
M/Sgt D H Carter
Pvt-1 I S Davis
Pvt-2 W Garcia
SFC H B Kaim
SFC A B Kirksey
SFC C Pallay
Pvt-2 A P Tompson
Sgt R B Wiley
Pvt-2 C Phillips
PFC R E Allen
Pvt-2 L Biggs

M COMPANY



SEVENTH ROW
Sgt A B Timmons
Pvt-2 E P Estrada
Pvt-2 W B Harper
Pvt-2 V Smith
Pvt-2 H Ray
Pvt-2 J J Sevick
Pvt-2 D D Miller
Sgt E L Guichard
SFC R A Breiling
PFC C Bolton

SIXTH ROW
Pvt-2 V W Bennett
Pvt-2 R Knapp
Pvt-2 W D Colbert
Pvt-2 G Grimes
Pvt-2 J D Heinrich
Pvt-2 J Harvey
Pvt-2 J Strickland
Pvt-2 J D White
Pvt-2 H J Poulin

FIFTH ROW
PFC B L Gibson
Sp/3 J Williams
PFC J C Townsend
PFC B R Marshall
PFC J R Hays
PFC M L Roberts Jr
Pvt-2 L Brown
Pvt-2 B Bettendorf
Pvt-2 M P Cowman
Pvt-2 T Gish

FOURTH ROW
Sgt C L Robinson
Cpl E Mendias
Sp/3 F L Jackson
Sp/3 L Sua
Sp/3 F R Healy
Sp/3 W R Vreeland
Sp/3 J Moody
PFC L W Nobles
PFC G C McDowell

THIRD ROW
Sgt J H Steve
Sp/3 C D Leemhuis
Sp/3 B D Haley
Sgt M A Mirailh
Sp/3 H R Huggins
Sgt L G Wilson
Sgt C Cervenka
Sgt J W Watson
Cpl W Smith
Sp/3 L Bixemann

SECOND ROW
Sgt R E Hack
Sgt K A Clunk
Sgt P J Belden
Sgt R Adamczyk
Sgt J Danko
Sgt J W Price
Sgt L E Kunst
Sgt D Hernandez
Sgt J P Barrow

FIRST ROW
Sgt C W Dasher
M/Sgt R J Olguin (1st Sgt)
M/Sgt R L Johnson
2nd Lt K Ferguson
Capt G R Toomer (CO)
2nd Lt J P Humphrey
2nd Lt D L Gardner
SFC R C Howland
SFC W D Waltz

Not Pictured:
2nd Lt A R Carlisle
SFC G H Burgess
SFC F R Cardenas
Sgt R J Hodgdon
Sgt E C Lewis
Pvt-1 J A Long
Pvt-2 D R Redmon

Having moved half way around the world and back again, Mighty Mike settled at Fort Bragg, North Carolina for a brief stay in August 1955. August was the month for reunions and the renewal of old friendships; then again in September it was "Pack your duffel bags," as Mike and the 187th ARCT was relocated in the RCT area at Fort Bragg.

Here it was that the terms "rehabilitation" and "beautification" came into common usage as Mighty Mike went into action and transferred it's area into a top notch Rakkasan beauty spot. Through the remainder of the year Company "M" assisted the RCT's training mission by providing top notch instructors and demonstration teams.

January 1956 meant a new mission to be performed by the Mighty Mike Road Runners—that of leading the way for the Regiment in Operation "Gypsy." The "Beep! Beep!" of the Mighty Mike Road Runners, however, was to be heard again.

Mike now takes on the additional mission of preparing 275 trainees in heavy weapons, and sometime in the near future Mike's "Beep! Beep!" will be sounded as he moves to still another location.

CAPT. HARRY B. HARRIS
CO M Co.





1ST LT. DESMOND O'KEFFEE
CO Hq & Hq Co.

EIGHTH ROW
Sp/2 C Benvenuto
Pvt-2 A L Holt
Sp/3 C Mathieu
Sp/3 A E McDonald
Sp/3 J Mayfort
Pvt-2 C M Kiser
Sp/2 E L Long
Pvt-2 R B Bothun
Sp/3 L G Tibbetts
Pvt-2 W E Parker
Pvt-2 D F Parker
Sp/3 J Kasprowski
Pvt-2 P Igneri
Sp/3 M D Barnard
Pvt-2 R W Werner
Sp/2 J Jordan

SEVENTH ROW
Pvt-2 J S Haswell
Sgt J L Embrey
Pvt-2 R R Fite
Sp/2 C H Courter
Pvt-2 J M Gallagher
Pvt-2 R G Ladish
Sp/3 E F Madison
Pvt-2 A Hooker
Sp/3 W M Barnes
Pvt-2 R J Kaiser
Pvt-2 J A Schneider
Pvt-2 D Redlon
Pvt-2 D Hutton
Pvt-2 W A Rogers
Pvt-2 G B Busch Jr
Sp/3 W W Klatt

SIXTH ROW
Pvt-2 J C Matyga
Sp/3 Z Gondro
Sp/3 J M Miranda
Sp/3 E F Horvath
Sp/2 R F Hughes
Sp/2 W D Livergood
Sgt J Ramirez
Cpl J P Seery
Pvt-2 P Phelan
Sgt M B Sheffield
Sgt W H Lemon
Sgt J M Henry
Sgt C Robinson
Sp/2 G E Murray
Sp/2 A Vanderpool

FIFTH ROW
Sp/2 S Cunningham
Sp/2 G E Bankis
Sp/3 R N Felty
Sp/3 A Herndon
Pvt-2 L L Boyer
Sp/3 H E Herring
Sgt K A Bridge
Sp/3 I W Spence
Sp/3 J D Millwood
Pvt-2 J M Clarks
Sp/2 W Suterowski
Sgt R Porto
Sp/3 R D Williams
Sgt J E Tidwell

FOURTH ROW
Pvt-2 J L Gier
Pvt-2 C E Burk
Pvt-2 M A Haro
Pvt-2 P A Chenette
Pvt-2 G DeRubis
Pvt-2 B J Stiles
Pvt-2 C B Fuller
Pvt-2 E C Benington Jr
Pvt-2 T F Martin
Sp/3 C E Wesley
Sp/2 C T Sanders
Sp/3 R J Whitener
Sp/3 R Grimes Jr
PFC J M McGivern
Sgt D R Carter

THIRD ROW
M/Sgt J W Smith Jr
Sgt J Cherry Jr
Sgt A Forster
Pvt-2 G J Germick
Pvt-2 V J Bartasius
Sp-3 A W Carter
Sp/3 K C Lord
Pvt-2 C M Sharpe
Sp/3 D K Kaea
PFC F H Hinson
Pvt-2 L H Pettis
Sp/3 T L LeFlore
Sgt J Leverett
Pvt-2 J Odum
Sp/2 R G Waldon
1st Lt E B Bookman
(Exec Off)

SECOND ROW
M/Sgt H W Weisbach
PFC T A Russell
Sp/3 P N Elliot
Sp/3 L Freeland
Sp/3 S A Godin
Sp/3 W E Cody
PFC W W Lewis
Pvt-2 R J Lomas Jr
Pvt-2 E Phillips
PFC T Campros Jr
Pvt-2 R Pease
Sgt I G Goskey
Sgt F D O'Neal
Sp/2 B H Leslie
Sp/3 J Roberts
Sgt J R Linton

FIRST ROW
M/Sgt J A Warren
SFC T W Davis
SFC R T Craycraft
SFC D R Lowery
SFC J G Earley
SFC J A Bailey
SFC K B Jimmerson
Sp/1 F L Sibilski Jr
SFC W E Gentry
M/Sgt J G Michael
M/Sgt I E Strack
SFC F J Werle
SFC J L Morris
M/Sgt T Pozzi
1st Lt D O'Keefe
(CO)

Not Pictured:
Sp/2 J A Akers
Pvt-1 H Bildstein Jr
Pvt-2 G H Boone
SFC C W Bass
M/Sgt R Carbajal
Sgt J G Cozort
Sgt T A Crawley
Pvt-2 J A DeCesare
Sp/2 F N Dobson
PFC R S Dowdell
Pvt-2 R Doyle
M/Sgt G W Dunaway
Pvt-1 P C Edwards
Sgt R K Gambill
Sgt N G Grisham
Pvt-2 D O Guthrel
Sgt F L Hale
Sgt R H Helton
Cpl F Henegar
SFC L Hunt
Sp/3 D Hicks
M/Sgt G W Ivy
Pvt-2 J G Jarvis
Pvt-2 R S Karland
Pvt-2 R King
Sp/3 F J Klein
Sp/3 M L Kroah Jr
Pvt-1 F Kupper Jr
Pvt-2 R K Loughry
Sgt W W Lowery
SFC H McCreary
Sgt W J Morrow
Sgt R M Myers
SFC R P Nichol
Sgt J Patterson
M/Sgt J Powell
(1st Sgt)
Sgt R M Robinson
Sgt J Rogers
PFC F W Shinskie
Sgt T Sims
Pvt-2 D E Snelson
Sp/3 J Soroka Jr
Sp/2 J Sullivan
Sp/2 B A Talley
Sp/3 M C Tucker
SFC E W Valentine
Sp/2 W C Wall
Pvt-2 B C Waller
Cpl B J Watson
SFC C J Watkins Jr
Sgt J Williams
Pvt-2 H A Dougherty
SFC J E Spence



HQ & HQ COMPANY

SERVICE COMPANY

SEVENTH ROW
Sp/3 P Reilly
Sp/3 L Rich
Sp/3 J A Moore
Sp/3 E D Edwards
Sp/3 H Hagan
Sp/3 M Piccoli
Sp/3 S Hudson
PFC J Lockhart
PFC J Hoehne
PFC E Clute
Pvt F Poley
Pvt S Harris
PFC W Decosta
PFC L McNeely
PFC D W Shaw
Pvt F Ockert
Pvt A Rohrhuber
PFC H Burns
Pvt J B Burke
PFC C Brewer

SIXTH ROW
Pvt R Collins
Sp/3 A Curtis
Sp/3 W Bostic
Sp/3 M Glass
Sp/3 W Smith
Sp/3 R Wright
Sp/3 H Haines
Sp/3 L Kimback
Sp/3 P Ochoa
Sp/3 C Barry
Sp/3 A Ochoa
Sp/3 B Royce
Sp/3 R M Britt
Sp/3 J Witmer
Sp/3 D Culp
Sp/3 T Hayes
Pvt C Hardy
Sp/3 O Koch
PFC G Worley
Pvt I Basner

FIFTH ROW
Pvt C Martin
Sp/2 G Mayer
Sp/2 J Ramos
Cpl R Donaldson
Sp/3 W Evans
Sp/3 H Merriman
Sp/3 S Spinks
Sp/3 F Uribe
Sp/3 G Chavez
Sp/3 J Potter
Sp/3 R Cudaback
Sp/3 W Brown
Sp/3 D Christenson
Sp/3 C Perkins
Pvt B Richardson
Pvt E Gallager
Pvt C Ellis
Pvt P Goodwin
Pvt J Rivers

FOURTH ROW
PFC S Johnson
PFC F Rainey
PFC E Cecil
Pvt R Devielle
Sgt R Campbell
Sp/2 C Thompson
Sp/2 J Newman
Sp/2 J Welsh
Sp/2 M Linton
Sp/2 H Hellen
Sp/2 J Bierman
Sp/2 D Pritt
Sp/2 J Tillman
Sp/2 M Smith
PFC T Calhoun
PFC B K Archer
PFC C Woolever
Pvt A Ellis

THIRD ROW
Sgt C Harvey
Sgt A Jimenez
Sgt A Faulkner
Sgt T Gamble
Sgt R Mitchell
Sgt E Allen
Sgt D Johnson
Sgt R Lord
Sgt W Eskew
Sgt R Harris
Sgt J Watkins
Sgt E Keene
Sp/3 C Drake
PFC F Null
PFC R Tinsten
PFC R Taylor

SECOND ROW
Sgt D Stuart
SFC J F Allen
SFC J Williams
SFC H Varner
SFC L Lafoon
SFC E Britt
SFC F Doss
SFC J White
SFC L Amans
SFC W Pere
SFC J Thompson
SFC G C Queipo
Sgt E Blankship
Pvt J Anjesky
Pvt L Delonjay
Pvt J T Williams

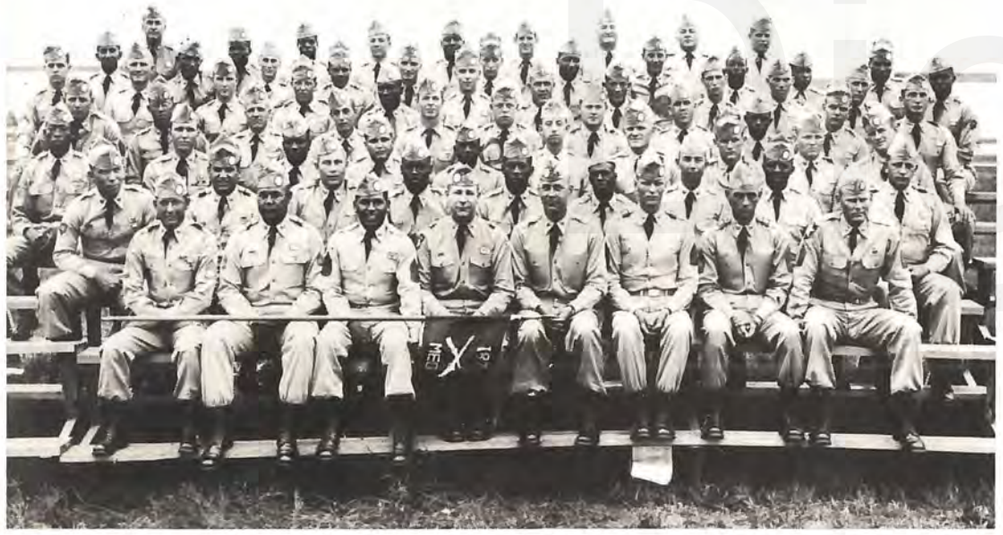
FIRST ROW
M/Sgt M Price
(1st Sgt)
Sp/2 R Marlow
SFC G Connor
1st Lt H L Hyatt
Capt H D Phillips
CWO R Bradley
CWO B Potts
1st Lt C Nugent
M/Sgt J Rogers
SFC G Brown

Not Pictured:
Sgt K Garmon
CWO H Strickland
SFC H Gunn
Sgt R Phelps
Sp/3 R Mallenkoph
Sp/3 R Simpkins
SFC W Morris
Sp/2 H Colburn
Sp/3 J Peters
Sp/3 V Cholico
SFC C Stevens
Sp/3 M Sandlin
SFC G Dawe
Pvt R Furioni
Pvt J Gordon
PFC B Cotman
Capt F Champoux



1ST LT. HARRY T. McDANIEL
CO Svc. Co.





MEDICAL COMPANY

During the months of October, November, and December, the company supported the Recruit Training Program by assigning several aid-men to each company of the 1st Battalion. In December of 1955, 1st Lt. Alvah C. Monshower, Jr. assumed command of Medical Company upon the transfer of 1st Lt. Lloyd E. Spencer.

On January 17, 23 EM and 1 Officer departed for Fort Campbel by way of motor convoy. These men constituted the advance group and upon arrival they at once began to make preparations for the arrival of the main body of troops. Buildings were opened and work was begun to ready them and the surrounding areas.

In addition to preparing buildings and areas, these 23 EM and 1 Officer furnished medical aidmen to various ranges and to Companies "K" and "L" of the 187th ARCT to support the training cycle being conducted for recruits. In March, 26 enlisted men were welcomed into the company from the 11th Airborne Division.

Battle Group Neptune of the 101st Airborne Division was formed in March and 44 EM and 1 Officer were transferred into the battle group to furnish medical support. This was a period of much activity for Medical Company, as men were transferred both in and out of the company, training parachute jumps were conducted, and maintenance and training was carried on.

By April, the company was stable and an extensive program of beautification was begun. Grass was planted, and the entire company area was landscaped. As training gained momentmum throughout the Regiment, medical support commitments increased.

Medical Company, working together as a unit, has come a long way toward their goal of attainment of a high state of Combat Readiness, and in consonance with Regimental policies, the maintaining of the high Airborne standard of this Combat Team.



1ST LT. ALVAH C. MONSHOWER, JR.
CO Med. Co.

SEVENTH ROW
Capt A E Roberts
Sp/3 B King
Sp/3 H A Brown
Sp/3 B Davis Jr
Sp/3 C Johnson
Sp/3 C L Parker
SFC P A Silfies
SFC P Schaaf
Sp/2 W L Christensen

SIXTH ROW
Sp/2 M Torres Jr
Sgt P Rodriguez
Sgt J F Bertrand
Sgt J A Martinez
Sp/2 K Beecham
Pvt-2 J G LaRochelle
Sp/3 T L Jackson
Pvt-2 W K Anusevitch
Sp/3 C R Barnwell
Pvt-2 B Jones
Pvt-2 A L Marshall

FIFTH ROW
PFC W W Potter
SFC F E Doster
Pvt-2 B Moore
Sp/2 D A Hostetter
Sp/1 F J Thomas
Pvt-2 A H Huet
Sp/3 J E McCarter
Sp/3 S S President
Pvt-2 J F Marriott
Sp/3 G J Snow
Sp/2 A D Sowers
Sp/3 I N McDonald

FOURTH ROW
Sgt J C Pursley
Sp/2 A C Duggar
Sgt J W Love
Sp/1 G E Mazzei
Sp/3 C R West
Sp/3 J W Moore
Sp/3 B J Hubbard
Sp/2 D E Boyce
Sp/2 J A Willis
Sgt R Overstreet
SFC J D Young

THIRD ROW
Sp/2 W Condry
SFC M L McRae
Sp/3 H O Thompson
Sp/3 L Torres
Pvt-2 D C Locke
Pvt-2 J Guilfoyle
Pvt-2 J Neubaur
Pvt-2 W J Grant

SECOND ROW
Sp/2 R Vandagriff
SFC D S Pedroza
Sp/3 V E Watson
Sp/3 N R Smith
Pvt-2 G McCain Jr
Sp/1 D Vinson
Sp/2 C A Taylor
Sgt S Grohal

FIRST ROW
SFC C E Barnette
SFC J Castillo
M/Sgt L E Rodriquez
1st Lt A Monshower Jr (CO)
2nd Lt R H Oehler
M/Sgt W H Childress (1st Sgt)
M/Sgt T W Crump
M/Sgt W Smith

Not Pictured:
M/Sgt A W Kent
SFC C N Brown
Sgt G H Dirks
Sgt D Little
Sgt N Suber Jr
Sp/2 T LeMastus
Sp/2 E Leming
Sp/2 P B Lewis
Sp/2 B S Neal
Sp/2 E J O'Mara
Sp/2 W L Rollins
Sp/2 R L Schweitzer
Sp/2 F Villarreal
Sp/2 C H Watson
PFC W Jeffress
Pvt-2 G Mars
Pvt-1 W F Amick
Pvt-1 W Chisolm

ENGINEERING COMPANY



Sgt P D Reeves
Sp/2 E L Currier
Pvt-2 C J Hebert Jr
Sp/3 J T Wilford
Sgt J Santiago
Sp/3 N Davis
Sgt A V Vaughn
Sgt G A Lovett
Sgt J Mishoe Jr
Sgt D J Counts
Sp/3 O R Ballenger
Sgt E Trevino
Pvt-2 R L Kitchens
Pvt-2 R A Jiles
Sp/3 K E Singo
Pvt-2 R D Kitts
Pvt-2 D O Congdon
SFC H T Ezell
SFC C W Polies
Sgt O J Jones
SFC R L Beckham
SFC C Ardoline Jr
Sgt W Dillree
Sgt M D Carter
Sgt L F Kirk
Sp/2 P W Hamilton
Sp/3 Z J Kilian
Sp/3 B M Crew
SFC H M Wilson
Sgt T V Peek
Sp/3 J G Hall
Sp/2 A J Simms
SFC R Hendricks
Sp/2 G Frost
Sp/2 F D Mose
Sp/2 W Ford
SFC Z F Osnoe
Sp/3 O R Adams
Sp/3 R G Moore
SFC D O Coffalt
Pvt-2 C Massey
Pvt-2 J M Martinez
Pvt-2 L E Ostrander
Pvt-2 M G Hall
Pvt-2 R J Steelem
Sp/3 W T Jacobs
PFC R Patterson
Sp/3 N M Finlanson
Sp/3 E Elswick
Sp/3 J J Meadows
Sp/2 K W Pitman
Pvt-2 A L Mikell
Sp/3 L G Tibbetts
Sp/3 C J Hendricks
SFC A Burr
Sp/2 C C Jones
Sp/2 L F Lofthouse
SFC N T Norris
SFC J J Payne
Sgt N J Graziosil
Sgt J F Williams
Pvt-1 D Threatt
PFC J C Osborne
Pvt-2 R A Peterson
Sp/2 J G Lyons Jr
Pvt-1 A L Thompson
SFC F W Pumphrey Jr
Sgt A McCaskill
Sgt R F Mullins
Pvt-2 C Grinnell
Sgt R Grier
Sp/2 L R DePriest
SFC D E Hester
SFC J A Robbins
M/Sgt C P Boenau
SFC A S Gladney
M/Sgt P Tihansky
Sgt F X Shea
Sp/2 M Medrano
SFC J Jackson Jr
2nd Lt R A Fontaine
1st Lt H W Martin
M/Sgt E F Pena
M/Sgt W G Hayes
1st Lt J P Smallwood
1st Lt D K Randels
2nd Lt C P Carlton
Sp/3 H B Parks
Pvt-2 K Duncan
Sp/3 E R Ornelas
SFC J R Shearfield

Not Pictured:
SFC W H Colbert
SFC R Davis
SFC C T McGrew
SFC H Morris
Sp/2 W R Adams
Sp/2 J B Gosselin
Sp/2 H T Keith
Sp/2 D R Lavigne
Sp/2 J Lowe
Sp/2 E McCarthy
Sp/2 J C McBride
Sp/2 M P Mitchell
Sp/2 L Robert
Sp/2 D E Robinson
Sp/2 R L Stearns
Sp/3 M Chavira
Sp/3 E L Day
Sp/3 J C Hinshaw
Sp/3 W C Hundley
Sp/3 L H Neal
Sp/3 W B Parker
Sp/3 B D Phillips
Sp/3 G V Rosevink
Sp/3 S L Smith
Sp/3 I Watson
PFC L R Dreifuss
PFC M M Guelff
PFC M Hamilton
PFC L H Padgett
PFC T O D Smith
Pvt-2 M L Boley
Pvt-2 R Carillo
Pvt-2 M C Dyke Jr
Pvt-2 J M Lucante
Pvt-2 H J McGuire
Pvt-2 A D Oliver
Pvt-2 S M Romero
Pvt-1 F L Van Jr
Pvt-1 W J B Hersey

Only a few days before pulling up our roots from Fort Bragg we lost a Company Commander whose integrity and leadership created an impression that none of us will ever forget when Capt. Leo E. Soucek received orders for civilian schooling. But we found that Lt. James P. Smallwood, the former Exec. receiving his baptism to fire under the pressure of Operation Gypsy, filled these big shoes most admirably and the operation of the Company remained smooth and efficient.

While the other companies improved their areas we proved we were real "Injun Ears" by immediately devoting ourselves to the challenging task of renovation the Fort Campbell, Jump school. We were all pleased to be doing the work we have been trained and organized to do for the first time since Japan.

February of this year saw an old pillar of the 22nd Engineers, SFC John Kent, move up to the 7290th Advanced Group and SP/3 Elswick take charge of our supply Room.

SFC Hester took the first and third platoons out to enlarge the 187th Drop Zone by some 200 acres. This involved clearing 8 to 10 acres of dense vegetation drawing on the imagination and ingenuity of everyone insofar as borrowing equipment and men from every unit on Post. SFC Gladney's Motor Pool grew and grew, until we looked like the 22nd Abn Engineer Bn, with cranes, rollers, graders and extra bulldozers. Our Mess Steward, SFC Colbert working closely with Field First Sergeant Pena kept the hard working crews well fed, and our mechanics, Finlanson and Lyons pinch-hitting as dozer operators on the extra bulldozers became highly proficient.

Accomplishing several other Engineer tasks during early 1956 and with more waiting for us we are a contented Engineer Company, looking forward to forming the new Engineer Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division.

1ST LT. JAMES P. SMALLWOOD
CO 22nd Eng. Co.





1ST LT. PHILLIP C. MILLER
CO Spt. Co.

The main mission of Support Company, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, is to furnish close heavy mortar support and antitank protection to the elements of the Airborne Regimental Combat Team in combat.

Since it's return to the United States in June of 1955, Support Company has undergone a change of not only men but CO's as well. Capt. William T. Manderson who was Support Company Commander in Japan transferred to "H" Company 187th.

After closing in at Fort Campbell the Company set up to help the Regiment undergo the job of maintaining the post. Moving into the new buildings was something new to the unit since they lived in the temporary type buildings at Fort Bragg.

When we lost part of the Company to the new battle group we lost our new CO, Capt. Whalen as well. In return 1st Lt. Robert J. Henson who was former Support Company CO of the 188th AIR took over the unit as CO.

At that time the only thing that was left of Support Company was Headquarters Platoon and a part of the 1st Mortar Platoon which was made up of the remainder of the antitank personnel. Then 1st Lt. Phillip C. Miller took over the Company as Commanding Officer and he also had the duty to train the Honor Guard Platoon. It was at that time the Honor Guard and Jump School personnel moved into Support Company.

SEVENTH ROW
Pvt-2 R E McManus
Pvt-2 E Waltz
Pvt-2 A J Coulson
Pvt-2 C W Ellerington
Pvt-2 V L Rice
Pvt-2 W E Pratt
Pvt-2 G E Wood
Pvt-2 B Kiser
Pvt-2 W J Fowler
Pvt-2 T G Beagle
Pvt-2 R R Stearns
Pvt-2 L Roundtree
Pvt-2 G Gomez
Pvt-2 G L Buchanan
Pvt-2 W A Bevis
Pvt-2 K Britland
Pvt-2 T Cunningham
Sp/3 L E Johnson
Pvt-2 G W Ferry
Pvt-2 C Barnes Jr
Pvt-2 G E Twiggs

SIXTH ROW
Pvt-2 B J White

Pvt-2 M G Burghart
Pvt-2 G Muckle
Pvt-2 D L Yellowrobe
Pvt-2 J R Watts
Pvt-2 H E Whalen
Sp/3 C F Roach
Pvt-2 S O Boaz
Pvt-2 E G Lamb
Pvt-2 R F Strobeck
Pvt-2 L G Phegley
Pvt B Drumheller
Pvt-2 J A Ostlyn
Pvt-2 J P Barthen
Pvt-2 J A Beiss
Pvt-2 K L Olson
Pvt-2 R T Garcia
Pvt-2 J Clemons
Pvt-2 T L Gaisten
Pvt-2 W D Patton

FIFTH ROW
Pt-2 A B Pinkney
Pvt-2 G W Kellison
Pvt-2 N N Durgin III

PFC W T Pierce
PFC R C Terry
PFC J A Arthur
Sp/3 R Antonellia
Sp/3 R Gamblin Jr
Cpl C Talley
Sp/3 D Alvarez
Sp/3 J R Wilson
Sp/3 J Keen
Sp/3 J F Bonds
Sp/3 D Flores
Sp/3 R E Bertucci
Sp/3 C P Callus
Sp/3 D E Dossett
Cpl H B Elms Jr
Pvt-2 F M Hauch
Pvt-2 T C Raborn

FOURTH ROW
Sgt S L Kalogeros
Sgt K R Hunter
Sgt F N Valero
Sp/2 K H Easley
Sgt W M Remney

Cpl H O Scott Jr
Sgt J Villareal
Sgt R P Nemeth
Sp/2 J D Albright
Sp/2 K D McGraw
Col D L Mason
Sp/3 A Velaszuez
Sp/3 J A Markwood
Sp/3 J E Morris
Cpl J C Dennis
Sp/3 J J Mazon
Pvt-2 L Williams
PFC E Z Chance
Pvt-2 R Jackson

THIRD ROW
Sgt T H Allen
Sgt C L Mullins
Sgt J E Drake
Sgt B D Walston
Sgt J P Frost
Sgt W I Peed
Sgt S Ganster Jr
Sgt T E Easterling

Sgt I L Waslick
Sgt R T Anderson
Sgt R Right
Sgt R W Reustle
Sgt R C Johnston
Sgt R W Martin
Sgt H L Oney Jr
Pvt-2 G S Tyler
Pvt-2 G E Coffee

SECOND ROW
SFC J J Lynsky
SFC H Kennedy
SFC R Plaisted Jr
SFC A C Bounds
SFC N H Pinder
SFC A J English
SFC J E Mirus
SFC R C Enloe
SFC B L Jones
SFC R A Bedard
SFC G L Ayers
SFC L F West
SFC R Williams

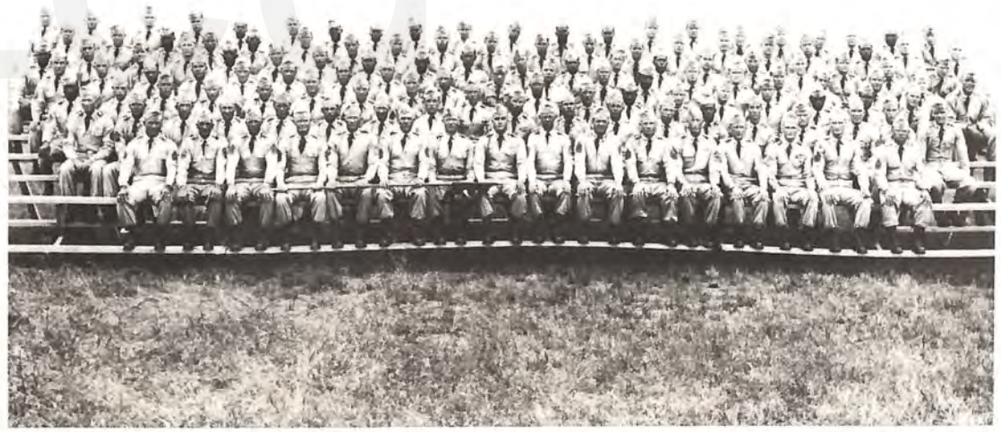
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Sgt K N Gage
Sgt R C Watson
Pvt-1 R F Hock
Pvt-2 W B Soby

FIRST ROW
SFC R J Trahan
M/Sgt V P Costa
M/Sgt B M Miller
M/Sgt R E Veasey
M/Sgt E B Hendrix
M/Sgt K A Guerin
1st Lt P C Miller (CO)
1st Lt R R Houde
M/Sgt P R Roper (1st Sgt)
M/Sgt R S Barrett
M/Sgt G P Gray
M/Sgt F H Allen
SFC B T McDonough
SFC W E Tuggle
SFC J E Bowden

SFC S E Allen

Not Pictured:
1st Lt H J Cooke
1st Lt G D Wilson
M/Sgt W F Pajak
M/Sgt K E Ryals
SFC D W Daugherty
SFC L Grissom Jr
SFC A Harjo
SFC C L Harlow
SFC R A Horn
SFC H Jackson
SFC G J Jenson
SFC B H Manning
SFC G W Strang
SFC S J Willard
SFC E M West
SFC A R Sumpter
Sgt K D Dail
Sgt V A Defillipo
Sgt C D Gray
Sgt J R Holt
Sgt J Sunchild

Sgt E R Wiles
Cpl E R Mullennix
Pvt-2 J MacPherson
Pvt-2 A J Abrazinski
Sp/3 S Bates
Sgt J C Bolinger
Pvt D B Carbjel
Pvt L E Charette
Sp/3 R A Dubruiel
SFC A Mercer
Sp/3 S Orehovich
Sp/2 H S Pike
Pvt-2 J E Rains
Pvt-2 G H Johnson
Pvt R J Rarick
Cpl A Rawson
Sp/3 L Wesserling
SFC D K White
Sp/2 B K Williams
Sp/3 T W Williams
Sp/2 J H Willis
Pvt-2 W R Willman



SUPPORT COMPANY

AAA BATTERY

TOP ROW
Pvt G L Vinson
Pvt C H Pingree
Pvt R J Malloy
Pvt J T Edwards
PFC E E Mullin III
Pvt J W Martin
Pvt H B Jones
Pvt R Allen
Pvt N M Guiggio
Pvt D M Davis
Pvt P Pruitt

SIXTH ROW
Pvt J Cameron
PFC G R Efaw
Pvt D E Eisenblse

PFC L Conway
PFC K Perry
PFC H A Simiste
PFC S B Clark
Sp/3 J N Crawshaw
Cpl C Hogan
PFC H R Schwartz
Pvt J B Meekins

FIFTH ROW
Sp/3 J L Queen
Sp/3 R L Kennedy
Sp/3 C S Spears
Sp/3 A J Kramarewicz
Sp/3 L J Touchet
Sp/3 J R Davis
Sp/2 J J Moles Jr

Sp/2 D J Shellar
Sp/2 B T McMichael
Sp/2 W A Payne
Sp/2 C Warren

FOURTH ROW
Sgt T L Beddingfield
Sgt J H Yow
Sp/2 C D LeMaster
Sgt D A Miller
Sgt O D Crabtree
Sgt R D Wholly
Sgt A M Hernandez
Sgt R S Valenzulea
Sgt G Baldwin
Sgt J K Nelson
Sgt B F Gordon

THIRD ROW
Sgt J C Evanx
Sgt J Snider
Sgt D B Hollis
Sgt A Miguel
Sgt C R McTire
Sgt C E Beverding
Sgt C E Welch
Sgt V P Barrose
Sgt J W Johnson
Sgt A K Read
Sgt J R Harris

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M/Sgt W G Howser
SFC C C Brooks
SFC J Michniak
SFC L Bassett

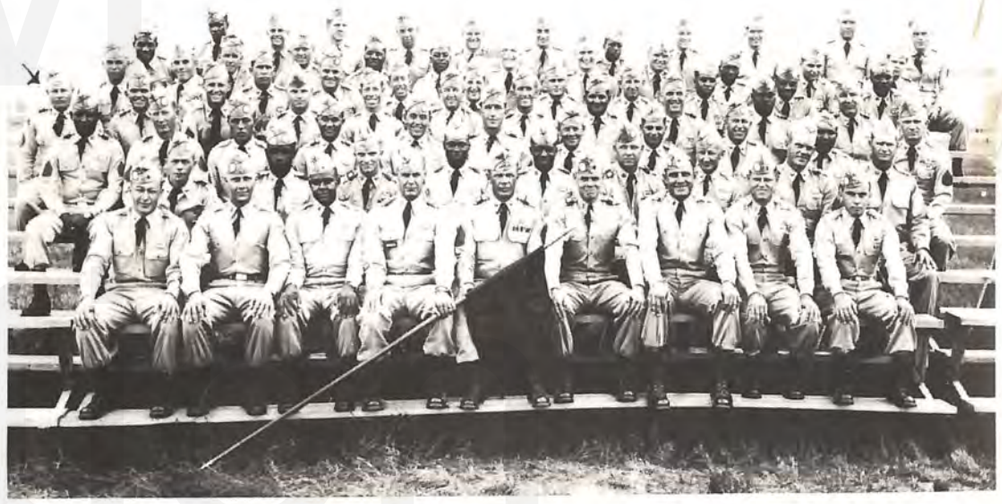
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SFC O M Pedrazas

FIRST ROW
2nd Lt R W Simpson
2nd Lt D J MacKay
2nd Lt B Conley
1st Lt T Barnard (CO)
M/Sgt R L Marx (1st Sgt)
2nd Lt C M Poteat
2nd Lt K W Peebles
2nd Lt J H Munger
1st Lt W C Chamberlin

Not Pictured:
2nd Lt E W Gannon
2nd Lt D J Nolan
Sgt R P Garcia
Sgt R B McPhail
Cpl O L Linson
Sp/3 R G Dowler
PFC E L Carter
PFC J L Hoerner
PFC G M Long
Pvt H Thompkins
Pvt T D Bennafield
Pvt D D Mattox
Pvt W A O'Donnell
Pvt N R Smith
Pvt E Friendly



1ST LT. TALBOTT BERNARD
CO AAA Btry.





QUARTERMASTER COMPANY

In October, Captain Clyde Gregory, Jr. relieved Major Robert F. Stroud, who had been the commanding officer for eighteen months.

The company conducted a demonstration for General Cleland in November and although weather conditions were adverse, a fine packing and pull off demonstration was conducted. Towards the end of November the company received the first school training rigger replacements.

During the month of December the company supported CONARC Board No. 5 airborne exercises in addition to Regimental exercises.

In January the company continued to pack parachutes in support of regimental airborn exercises and started preparing all T/O&E equipment for the move to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Seventeen (17) more school trained rigger replacements were recevied from other companies in the regiment, plus thirty (30) basic airborne trainees, who were turned over to Sp/2 William L. Brady who put them through pre-airborne training.

In March the unit supplied the regiment with three-thousand three-hundred parachutes and air items for the Combat Team's first independent airborne exercises conducted since arrival at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The company is justly proud of its record of only one (1) minor malfunction during these operations. The company has received some of its heavy drop equipment and is in the process of conducting a heavy drop school for key officers and first three graders from Airborne Combat Group Neptune.



CAPT. CLYDE GREGORY, JR.
CO 187th QM Co.

TOP ROW
Pvt B R Pross
Sp/2 D W Batt
PFC D O Bailey
PFC L Downing
Pvt J C Capner
Pvt R V Neese
Pvt W H Neff
Pvt R K Shattuck
Sp/3 C M Howard
Pvt R E Harper
Sp/3 R D Miller
Sp/3 D L Alsip
Sp/3 J J Taylor
Pvt C E O'Connor
Pfc J S Johnson
Pvt E L Montgomery
Pvt T J Padden
Pvt J R Murray
Cpl A W Rush
Sp/3 K T Hamman

SIXTH ROW
Pvt M O Riley
Pvt L Jannas
Sp/3 J T Hall
Pvt H V Dvorak
Sp/3 D J Holmes
Sp/2 F Guillory
Sp/3 C D Hall
Sp/2 D E Rowland
Sp/3 R Dodd
PFC R J Davis
PFC G M Cole
PFC D L Price
Sgt F Pickerell
Sp/3 J H Dill
PFC W Hollingsworth
Sp/2 L D Touchton
Sp/2 R Pennington
Sp/3 K E Pee
Pvt J L Schuler

FIFTH ROW
Pvt M E Miller
Sp/3 J E Vanduyne
Sp/3 C K DeGroff
Sp/3 D B Ridener
Pvt J Eliopoulis
Pvt R Raffenetti
PFC A Sanchez
Sp/3 M Collins
Sp/3 J L Thrasher
Sp/2 M Williams
Sgt R M Pippenger
PFC K J Carr
Sp/3 G R Reasor
Pvt R M Cole
Pvt P O'Callahan
Sp/2 W C Payne
Sp/2 F S Gladhill
Sgt G A Chilton

FOURTH ROW
Pvt F D Fournier
Sp/3 P V Fowler
Sp/3 F W Turner
Sp/3 E DelPilar
Pvt F P Conner
Pvt E R Egger
PFC C A Duty
PFC J L Downie
Sgt R L Watts
Sp/3 J P Solloway
Pvt E Fitzgerald
Pvt W Jatczak
PFC R E Dodge
Sp/2 C E Claybrook
Sp/3 J DeVesconi
PFC C R Easterly
Pvt W Scarfpin
Pvt E L Hammonds

THIRD ROW
Sp/3 H D Halterman
Sp/3 D O McBride
Sp/3 G A Hobnson
Pvt J R Ross
Pvt E L Leenher
Sp/2 J J Barton
Sp/2 B U Collins
Sp/3 A W Walker
Pvt G A Ellis
Sp/3 T C Cowles
Sp/2 E C Gomez
Sp/2 E P Weaver
Pvt G C Debelok
Pvt A D Carter
PFC J B Sallis
Pvt W Romesburg
Pvt J A Smith

SECOND ROW
Sgt H W Nichols
Pvt D P Owens
Pvt R A Maes
Pvt J D Pettery
Pvt C Robinson
Sp/2 J D Hunter
Pvt W Hughes
Pvt E Mesa
Pvt G W Simpson
Sp/3 R L Nilsen
Pvt C P Kennedy
Sp/3 J R Pappe
Sp/3 R B Barnes
Sp/3 F Wilcox
Sp/3 J G Brown
Sp/2 R W Lee
S-3 E F Fos

FIRST ROW
Sp/2 W L Brady
Sp/2 W J Griffith
Sp/2 G D Brown
Sgt W Shackleford
Sp/2 A W Toner
1st Lt J E Ray
1st Lt E C Dickey
Capt C Gregory Jr
M/Sgt B E Usry (1st Sgt)
SFC E V Sooter
SFC R Young
SFC D J Hoffman
SFC J L Strange
M/Sgt G Aasal

Not Pictured:
SFC L Andarakes
SFC P W Clark
SFC R B Eubanks
Sp/2 R A Gavlick
Sp/3 L Ahnert
Sp/3 J H Boyle
Sp/3 D R Hamlin
Sp/3 J L Keller
Sp/3 W C Manning
Sp/3 R L Watts
PFC R L Hudkins
PFC L R Taylor
PFC J E Vlasak
Pvt M Altimirano
Pvt A C Colbert
Pvt G Coldren
Pvt R L Clark
Pvt J S Cugle
Pvt F Disenell
Pvt S G Faulkner
Pvt J A Fox
Pvt J B Glasgow
Pvt J A Hatcher
Pvt J L Hernandez
Pvt A P Heschke
Pvt C Hover
Pvt L H Kimble
Pvt J M Locher
Pvt J Mattenon
Pvt H A McDaniel
Pvt R W Mohernne
Pvt L Montano
Pvt J Olmez
Pvt O E Parrish
Pvt J E Patten
Pvt R C Peterson
Pvt V Quan
Pvt B L Rudder
Pvt D Roux
Pvt G A Samuels
Pvt A L Sherebine
Pvt F J Sandrey
Pvt C J Soberg
Pvt B Swindle
Pvt J A Vemesh
Pvt J A Weber
Pvt W Wiedenhoeft
Pvt L E Whitaker
Pvt J M Wilson
Pvt W Wood
Pvt S McMichael
SFC J F Killebrew
SFC R E Ward
Sp/2 H L Johnson
Sp/2 P Yedinak
Sp/3 H J Conroy
Sp/3 L Kimbler
Sp/3 W S Mills
Sp/3 C W Turner
PFC T F O'Shea
PFC W W Smith
PFC B E Watkins
Pvt R C Bunch
Pvt L R Flores
Pvt W T Hiland
Pvt J H Wilson
Sp/3 J E Cravens
Sp/3 C W Howlett
Sp/3 K Louderback

REPLACEMENT COMPANY



Cpl L Klopotoski
PFC W Snell
SFC P Owens
SFC J Willard
Sp-3 R Olson
Sp/2 R Titus
PFC J Cook
Sp/3 M Perry
Sgt B Caulk
Sgt G Petty
Sp/2 E Payne
Sgt W Jaquenod
Cpl J Neitzel
SFC E Miller Jr
Sgt J Sloan Jr
SFC W Hatch
Sgt C Dahlquist
Sgt J Borja
Sgt S Jefferson
Sgt J Richardson
Sp/2 C Kemp
Sp/3 R Curiel
Sp/2 W Jones
Sgt J Green
Pvt-2 J Minton
Sp/3 C Wells
Sp/3 A Largent
Sp/3 R Johnson
Sgt C Teague
SFC S Ortiz
PFC F Alvarez
Sp/2 J Stewart
Pvt-2 W Rayburn
Sp/2 D Ramirez
Sp/3 M Cottrell
Pvt-2 D Knauss
Sp/2 P Nicholson
Sgt F Alderson
Sgt B Lawrence
Sp/2 C Honeywell
Sp/3 J Robu
Sgt J Hawkins
SFC J Dayoc
SFC A Weyant
M/Sgt S Bynum
M/Sgt T Gillery
1st Lt J C Hicks
1st Lt H Hale
M/Sgt H Hodge
2nd Lt D Looney
SFC M Murrah
Sgt C Quintero

Not Pictured:
1st Lt B Lovell
1st Lt R Markley
1st Lt C Mixon
Sgt J Moss
Sgt E Rosa
Sgt N Yenter
Sp/2 R Hancock
Sp/2 N Lien
Sp/2 J Simpson
Sp/2 E Storms
Sp/2 R Taylor
Cpl T Woosley
Sp/3 G Davis
Sp/3 E Denley
Sp/3 J Enlow
Sp/3 J Head
Sp/3 R Pray
Sp/3 G Stegall
PFC J Clifton
PFC B Jacobs
Pvt-2 T Martin
Pvt-2 G Rea



1ST LT. HERMAN J. HALE
CO Repl. Co.

AIRBORNE SCHOOL



CAPT. ROBERT L. VRANISH
Comdt Abn School

Pvt-2 A J Coulson
Cpl H Q Scott Jr
Sp/3 L R Stanigar
Sp/3 P Blackburn
SFC A R Sumpter
Sp/2 M Torres Jr
Sp/2 K H Easley
SFC S T Pressey
Sgt T H Allen
Sgt J P Frost
Sgt W M Remeny
Sgt J E Drake
Sgt V A Defillipo

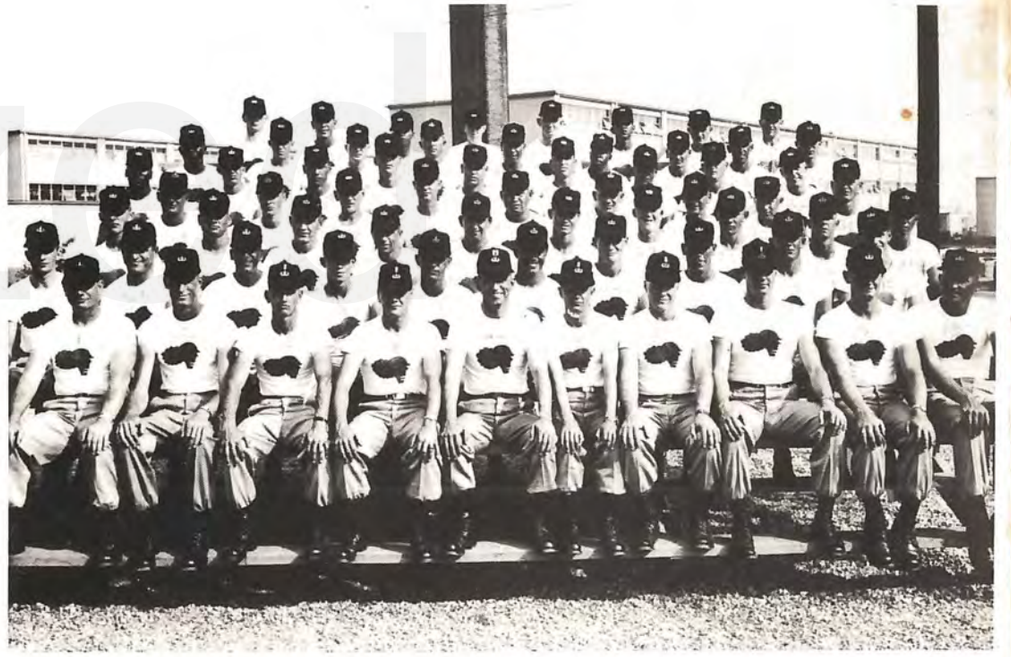
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SFC E M West
SFC B L Jones
Sgt J R Holt
Sgt K D Dail
SFC C C Davis

Cpl E R Mullennix
M/Sgt G P Gray
M/Sgt F H Allen
1st Lt B G Brown Jr
1st Lt P B Malone III
Capt R L Vranish
1st Lt H J Cooke
1st Lt E R Laursen
1st Lt R J Kuhn
M/Sgt R E Veasey
M/Sgt E D Hendrix
SFC H Jackson
Sgt K R Hunter

Sgt R C Johnson
SFC C L Harlow
Sgt J Sunchild
SFC B R Manning
SFC A C Bounds
SFC R Plaisted Jr
Sp/3 R Antonelli
SFC S K Willard
Sgt T D Easterling
SFC B T McDonough
Sgt J L Wifick
SFC A A Harjo
SFC R A Horn

SFC J E Mirus Jr
Sgt B D Welston
Sgt W I Peed
M/Sgt K E Ryals
M/Sgt W F Pajak
M/Sgt V P Coste
Sgt C I Mullins
SFC A J English
SFC R J Trahan
Sgt R W Bierowski
SFC N H Pinder
SFC W K Tilmon
Sgt C D Gray

Not Pictured:
M/Sgt K Guerin
SFC J Bowden
SFC D Daugherty
SFC L Grissom
SFC G Strang
Sgt S Ganster
Sgt E Wilps
Cpl J Sikes
Cpl F Valero
Pvt-2 E Waltz



PROVOST MARSHAL

1ST LT. THOMAS M. JONES
187th Provost Marshall

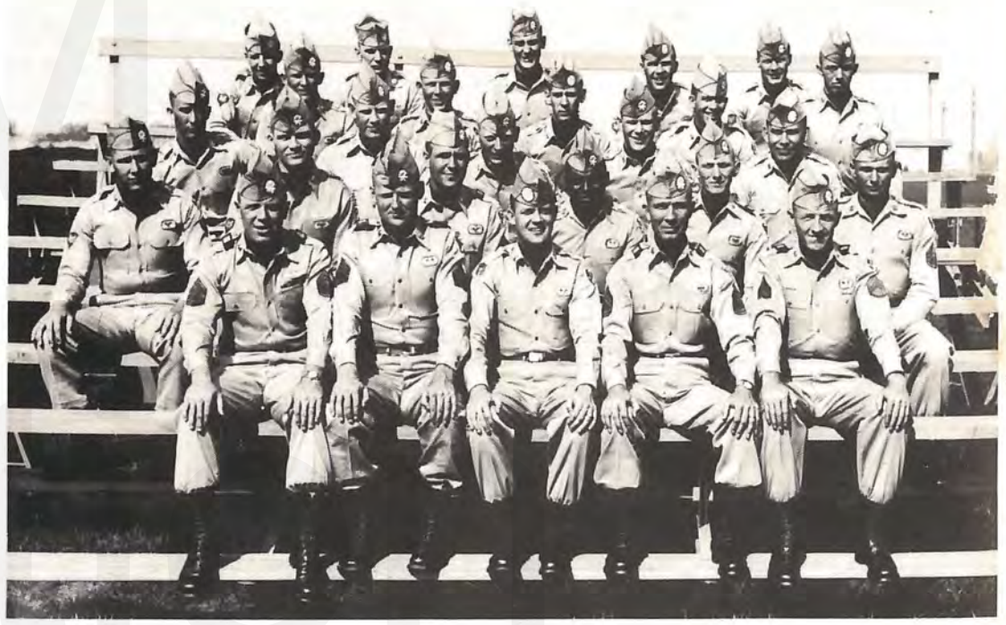


Sp/3 R R Marose
Sp/3 R B Nageli
Sp/3 J G Bingham
Sp/3 J F Bowman
Sp/3 M E Francis
Pvt-2 F J Kelly Jr
Pvt-2 R C Keefe
Sp/3 S J Doty
Sp/3 L J Wall
Pvt-2 J G Jarvis
Sp/3 C E McCloud

Sp/3 R D Meyer
Sp/3 R E Herrity
Sp/3 B J Svehla
Sp/3 J B Sloan
Sp/3 W S Scott Jr
Sp/3 J H Cunliffe
Sgt W L Nicely
Sgt R L Sutton
Sgt L R Boggs
Sgt C W Williams
SFC O J Howell

SFC E P Gliddens
1st Lt T M Jones
SFC Q W Cox
Sgt B E Cotton

Not Pictured:
Sgt C J Swearengin
Sp/3 L E Lunnen
Sp/3 H D Pever
Sp/3 M E Taylor





HONOR GUARD

Pvt-2 G H Johnson
Pvt-2 N N Durgin III
Pvt-2 W Soby
Pvt-2 K Olson
Pvt-2 R J Garcia
Pvt-2 R J Rarick
Pvt-2 B Drumheller
Pvt-2 L V Charette
Pvt-2 H Whalen
Pvt-2 S O Boaz
Cpl D L Mason
Sp/3 J C Morris
Sp/3 J A Markwood

Sp/3 D Alvarez
Pvt-2 G L Buchannan
Pvt-2 J P Barthen
Pvt-2 D L Yellowrobe
Pvt-2 G W Kellison
Pvt-2 W R Willman
Pvt-2 B J White
Pvt-2 E G Lamb
Pvt-2 R Strobeck
Pvt-2 J A Biess
Cpl C Talley
Pvt-2 L Phegley
Pvt-2 J Ostylin

PFC J A Arthur
Pvt-2 T L Galsten
Pvt-2 M J Burghart
1st Lt P C Miller
SFC D J Ayers
Sgt R T Anderson
Sgt G L Miles
Sgt R W Martin
Sp/3 A Velesquez
Cpl J C Dennis
Pvt-2 W A Bevis
M/Sgt R S Barrett

1ST LT. PHILLIP C. MILLER
Honor Guard Commander





BAND

D Russell
P Bryan
G J Valdez
H G Short
A L Goss
N A Cammack Jr
V G England
R H L Young
D Stressman
R Martin
J L Hutchings
F Broussard
W Norman

H A Jones
M Breaux
R Haines
L Navarro
D E Robinson
B J Ruland
J M Higashide
M C Jones
A Messier
N Bouchard
F A Suchy
R Coakley
A R Redwine

Not Present:
L Jackson Jr
M J Carrick
T E Lynn
G D Brett
E E Matthew
R Charland
R T Chase
L A Wanhala
S T Mullinax
C Franklin
D C Dale

CWO NATHAN CAMMACK
187th Band Leader





AIR SECTION

Capt D M Dial
1st Lt R C Winesette
1st Lt J Hutcheson
1st Lt H W Marshall
1st Lt R P Keating
1st Lt R Lautzenhesir
SFC M O Lyle
Sgt A B Poe

Sp/2 J R Cline
Sp/3 N B Blankenship
PFC F A Clayton
Sp/3 W P Sanders
SFC G A Cornign

Not Pictured:
SFC L P Rea

CAPT. DAVID M. DIAL
Aviation Officer



674TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



MAJOR ALVIN K. CHARLES
CO 674th FA Bn



Col. Ryneska, Rakkasan Commander, congratulates M/Sgt. Leonard Axtman, Bn. Sgt. Major, on election to President, 187th Chapter, Airborne Association. Major Sinclair, left, Artillery Comander, observes.



Left to Right: Cpl. Wernie I. Cherry, SFC Pedro Alvarado, Chief of Section, Sgt. Fred Walker all of "C" Btry 674th FA Bn level the scales on the gunners sight parallel to the Gunners Quadrent as one step in preparing the Howitzer for a fire mission.

674th Field Artillery Battalion Staff, Left to Right, Capt. Charles B. Gillespi, XO, 1st Lt. Dale M. Driggs, S-2, Capt. John H. Linden, S-3, CWO John L. Tatalajski, and M/Sgt. Leonard F. Axtman, Sgt. Major.



Left to Right: Major Charles, new CO, 674th FA Bn puts his name on desk as Major Sinclair takes his off.



"Round on the way" (circle) field fire, 674th Abn FA at Fort Bragg.



The 674th Abn FA Bn, commanded by Major Alvin K. Charles, who assumed command on 23 January 1956, is the close support artillery for the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. It is capable of massing the fire of eighteen 105mm howitzer, six in each of three firing batteries, A, B, and C Service Battery furnishes logistical support and Headquarters Battery provides communication, fire Direction, survey, and the administrative functioning of the Battalion.

The sound that struck fear in the hearts and minds of many North Koreans echoed across the Fort Bragg Military Reservation on November 8 as the 674th fired their 105mm howitzers for the first time on the post. The firing was a demonstration for the trainees assigned to the 187th. At 11:00 AM 1st Lt. Jack L. Allen of "A" Battery, dropped his hand as a signal to pull the lanyard to send the first round on its way to Coleman Impact area. Every detail of the firing was a classic example of the high degree of training and leadership that is the byword of the Battalion.

In October the planning for and receiving of one hundred and fifty recruits for Advanced Individual Training got under way. The main task was given to "C" Battery. This entailed the billeting, messing, and administration, while "A" and "B" Batteries provided the instructors for the training.

As a part of a day-long remembrance, marking the 10th anniversary of the United Nations, the troopers of the Battalion turned out in full parade dress to march with other Units of the 187th through the streets of Fayetteville, N.C. On November 11, honoring Veterans of both World Wars, members of "A" Battery, under the command of 1st Lt. George F. Rozsypal, paid tribute to those Veterans with a parade at Warsaw, N.C.

In the field of sports, the Red Leg athletics have been predominent. The 187th Rakkasan pigskinners were coached by 1st Lt. Bruce E. Elmblad, Battery commander of "A" Battery; the boxing team was under the direction and guidance of Lt. Harrison, Hqs. Battery, Sfc. Trahan, and Cpl. Hoffman, both of "B" Battery. The Red Leg Basketball squad was victorious in the RCT intra-squad hoop championship.

The benevolence of all members must not be overlooked. Even after departing from Japan the boys of Kumamoto Boys Town were not forgotten as donations were sent back to their little friends. Other such worthy projects that met with 100% participation were the United Fund Drive in October, and the Red Cross Drive in February; also many men donated blood in emergency and on call for the blood bank.

The highlight of the year was the PCS move from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to the present station Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Word of the move first came in November and in the latter part of January the advance party moved to Campbell, to prepare for the rest of the Battalion which arrived at its new home on February 14th. Fort Campbell was not a new post to the 674th for it had been the home of the Battalion prior to departure for Korea in 1950.

7 April was the day men of the 674th put on a new look. This came in the form of the new Battalion Coat of Arms. The crest in itself is a history of the Battalion. The colors, Red and Yellow, are for artillery, the two suns taken from the Philippine flag represent the two campaigns in the Philippines during World War II. The pile Korean service ribbon blue, refers to the sky and, together with the descending parachute and howitzer, alludes to the Airborne classification of the Battalion. The two points symbolize the two combat parachute jumps the organization made in Korea.

A Battalion formation was held at which Col. Ryneska pinned the first set on Major Charles, the Battalion Commander. Each Battery Commander then passed out the Coat of Arms to the troops while the RCT band played "The Caisson Song."

In the past year the Battalion has seen many places and many faces, but none shall be forgotten.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY



Pvt-2 R Lauterback
Pvt-2 J Rickey
Pvt-2 M Henget
Pvt-2 E Egli
Pvt-2 S C Curry
Pvt-2 C Murphy
Sp/3 K E Rodenhouse
Sp/2 J Conn
Sp/2 E Singleton
SFC J Minshaw
Pvt-2 W Maryar
Pvt-2 D C Simmion
PFC C Ketter
Sp/2 C Cravath
SFC L Sherrick
Sp/2 T Stephenson
Sp/3 H C Banks

Sp/3 R S Varner
Pvt-2 R J R Lomas
Sgt W Nilan
Sgt W McNeely
Sgt C Fisher
Sgt J B Wolfe
Pvt-2 J Linehan
Pvt-2 J Kegley
Pvt-2 G Baylis
Sp/3 T Taylor
Sp/3 J A Taylor
Sp/3 C Buckley
Sp/3 V Hover
Sp/3 L L Marshall
Pvt-2 D D Miller
Pvt-2 S Driver
Sgt J L Blake

Sgt R H Evans
Pvt-2 E Chavez
Pvt-2 R Gartner
Pvt-2 L Phillips
Pvt-2 E Mullin
Sp/3 R Long
Sgt O Duffee
Sgt C Burden
PFC W Barnes
Pvt-2 A Dowdell
Sp/3 J S Eagle
PFC O Hupp
Pvt-2 E Greane
Sgt J Toomey
Sp/3 C E Black
Sgt D Carter
Pvt-2 W Timpson

Pvt-2 J Patten
Pvt-2 J Weaber
SFC A Jackson
Sp/3 O G Chester
Pvt-2 P Fortune
Pvt-2 P Jones
Pvt-2 E Duncan
Sgt P C Seaman
Sp/3 C W Adkin
SFC G L Tomb
SFC A N O'Quinn
M/Sgt J H Kendrick
M/Sgt W O Pruitt
M/Sgt B M Rose
1st Lt D R Lambert
2nd Lt L V Moore
M/Sgt L F Axtman

SFC J E Messick
SFC C Dennis
SFC R T Petterson
Sp/3 W R White

Not Pictured:
SFC C E Cheevers
SFC A T Chupco
SFC J G Corning
SFC J V Fountain
SFC R Rourk
Sgt R A Boyd
Sgt G DeYoung
Sgt C Gibbs
Sgt P F Harvey
Sgt G N Moore

SFC Amos Chupco assumed the duties of 1st Sgt. when M/Sgt. Arsenault was accepted for a CIC assignment. Exchanging their Sgt. for SFC stripes were Sgts. Tomb and Cheevers. M/Sgt. Len Axtman replaced M/Sgt Phillips as Battalion Sgt. Major when Sgt. Phillips pinned on 2nd Lt. bars. M/Sgt. Axtman was also elected as president of the 187th ARCT Chapter, the "RAKKASANS," of the Airborne Association.

On 14 February, led by Capt. Holtz, the Battery began it's three day treak to Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The Battery had a 50% turnover when approximately 20 first three graders from the 11th Abn Div. and 30 recruits from the 10th Recruit Training Company from Fort Bragg were assigned to the Battery.

1st Lt. David Lambert assumed command of Hq. Battery when Capt. Holtz took command of the first Artillery Battery, Combat Group Neptune, under the new re-organization concept. M/Sgt. Billy Rose, and the ex-blue cord turned redleg replaced SFC Amos Chupco as 1st Sgt.

The new Bn baseball team, in which Hq. Battery is represented by Sgt. Moore, Sp/3 Chester, Frenn and Black, and Pvt. Gilliam, have hung out the "beware" sign.

1ST LT. DAVID R. LAMBERT
CO Hq. Btry.





1ST LT. BRUCE E. ELMBLAD
CO A Btry.

In late October A Battery received the mission of training 240 eight week trainees on the 10th Training Company. The mission was accomplished to include a week bivouac in the field in January. The efforts were to be amply rewarded when the 10th Training Company was assigned to the 674th upon completion of basic Airborne Training.

In January Lt. Bruce E. Elmblad replaced Lt. George F. Rosaypal as Battery Commander. Virtually the entire officer staff of the Battery would be changed before the battery went west. Three new officers and twenty one EM from the battery (all of tigersome inclination, it developed) received their wings from the Jump School at the end of January. In Mid-February, the convoy loaded up and made the three day march to Kentucky.

Once set up at Campbell, the First Sergeants post was filled by M/Sgt. Lee R. Bishop who had been a member of the 674 in June, 1943, shortly after the battalion was activated, also the battery contributed personnel to the 187th Jump School, the first Battle Group (Neptune) and a training battery which was to receive upwards of 200 basic trainees in May. The Summer months bare promise of a large role in futher activation and organization of the 101st which responsibility "A" Battery waits to accept with customary vigor and pride.



A BATTERY

EIGHTH ROW

Sgt G Simmons
Pvt Allen
Pvt P W Hetterich
Pvt B Gideon
Sp/3 J S Dean
Pvt T A Chavez
Pvt G T Wanak
Pvt Friendly
Pvt H W Lambert
Pvt L J Spears

SEVENTH ROW

SFC W S Weaver
Pvt R L King
Sgt C R Fife
Sp/3 R A Turner
Pvt J H Williams
Pvt W R Haney Jr
Pvt J C Owens
Sp/3 J E Dudley
Pvt A Brown

SIXTH ROW

Pvt S V Lewczyk
Sp/3 W T Lewis
Pvt Couch
Pvt A B Noftger
Pvt T D Lee
Pvt J E Mills
Cpl S G George
Sgt W C Ledbetter
Pvt R T Thomas
Pvt E Malloy

FIFTH ROW

Sgt V J Gardner
SFC B Mathis
Sp/2 R E Cook
Pvt G Spencer
PFC A Hauser Jr
Sgt S Scott Jr
Sgt L Gillespie
Pvt N L Falleaf
Pvt G P Hill
Pvt M C Crutchfield

FOURTH ROW

PFC R D Oswald
Sp/3 G A Arredondo
Pvt C A Maxwell
PFC A A Felton
Pvt E B Watts
Pvt J W Kowalski
PFC C Robinson Jr
Pvt F J Howze
Sgt E M Johnson
PFC W T Shuman

THIRD ROW

Pvt F B Ginwright
Pvt I S McKinstry
Sgt W J Milliones
Sgt J H Cheatham
SFC A G Maria
SFC J R Parrish
Pvt T D Johnson
Pvt Guiggie
Sgt G Graham
Pvt J Domico Jr

SECOND ROW

Sgt J M Capuria
Pvt R L Alderton
Pvt F J Zuckowski
Pvt E P Powell
Sgt B J Jones
Sgt R F Stoudt
Sgt J F Marks
SFC C L Perry
SFC M C Cross
Sgt P Bell Jr

FIRST ROW

M/Sgt J M Flores
2nd Lt R B Vasser
2nd Lt M R Hoffman
1st Lt W H Mantooth
1st Lt B E Elmblad (CO)
1st Lt T L Carnes
2nd Lt D P Coon
2nd Lt S H Taylor
M/Sgt L R Bishop (1st Sgt)

Not Pictured:

M/Sgt B L McGee
SFC W A Boardley
SFC D W Daniels
SFC J J Rodriguez
SFC D L Straub
Sgt R L Mallek
Sgt E R Martinez
Sgt W E Peacock
Sgt D C Picard
Sgt F Villalobos
Sp/2 W T Crabtree
Sp/2 E M Thomas Jr
Cpl E Alberson
Cpl F P Lindsey
Cpl B K Miller
Sp/3 H B John
Sp/3 J Lee
PFC C B Bachelor
Sp/3 C A Miles
Pvt K K Abernathy
Pvt E G Camacho
Pvt D H DeBoer
Pvt D DePalma
Pvt W T Epperson Jr
PFC M Montoya
Pvt A Mosely Jr
Pvt J B Phillips
Pvt Tompkins

B BATTERY

Sgt J Taylor
Cpl W I Cherry
Pvt-2 A Williams
Sgt D W Lister
Pvt-2 H A McDaniel
Pvt-2 R Holmes
SFC J L McCorkle
Sp/3 J R Diggs
Sgt F L Crosby
Sp/3 V R Hickland
PFC R J Reimer
Sgt D A Fergerson
Sgt S M Arzate
Pvt-2 G H Tomlinson
Pvt-2 M C Woods
Sgt L Simmons Jr
Sgt J R Williams
Sgt J R West
Pvt-2 H Levesque Jr
Pvt-2 E Malloy
Pvt-2 G W Pertzline
Pvt-2 D Stringer
Pvt-2 J A Seymour
Pvt-2 F Hogeback Jr
Pvt-2 J T Edwards
Pvt-2 J V Padilla
Sp/3 O G May
PFC B L Logan
Sgt C G Anderson
Pvt-2 W F Lardner Jr
Pvt-2 W Bridges
Pvt-2 J E Lashley
Sp/3 I Gamble
Pvt-2 L Hobson
Pvt-2 L Spigner
Pvt-2 R Fromcke
Pvt-2 W F Draper
Pvt-2 P Hosler
Pvt-2 J R Haley
Pvt-2 B Butler
Sgt K A Schmitt
Pvt-2 G Hamrick
SFC J Rewis
Pvt-2 W D Heithcock
Cpl D Reed
Sgt T V McCarthey
Sgt J C Shepherd
Sgt R Mills
Pvt-2 R J Rojas
Pvt-2 C A Jones
Pvt-2 R Mendicino
PFC A A Felton
Pvt-2 M T Miller Jr
Pvt-2 I Grice Jr
Pvt-2 C W McHugh
Sp/3 G J Swazey
PFC E T Crane
Pvt-2 H M Strong Jr
Sp/2 C Hudson
Sp/3 W J Little
Pvt-2 K J Barnes
Sp/3 H Frye Jr
Pvt-2 C J Leach Jr
Pvt-2 J Cameron
Pvt-2 E D Downing
Pvt-2 D Patrizi
Pvt-2 C Ellis
Pvt-2 M Grice
Pvt-2 E Moffett
Pvt-2 A Leon
PFC J Garnette
PFC F E Watson
SFC J H Collier
Pvt-2 E E Davis
PFC A Babasa
Pvt-2 M Dayhoff
Pvt-2 S Lavate
Pvt-2 H Gregory
Pvt-2 M Payne
Pvt-2 A E Johnson
Sp/3 W Hair
Pvt-2 R Ellison
Sgt F E Hesler
Pvt-2 B G Bethell
Pvt-2 H Gilbert
Sp/3 R Dwire
Pvt-2 R Barrett
Pvt-2 R Briner
Pvt-2 A A Auger
PFC D D Hofer
M/Sgt R A Dulaney
M/Sgt C T McGuire
SFC M Kimurea
SFC A Pippin
Sp/3 R J Mazeike
Sgt R D Colwell
Sgt R Godwin
2nd Lt R Cheesboraugh
1st Lt T Unger-Suranyi Jr
1st Lt E C Rushkowski
1st Lt J E London
M/Sgt R E Serrane
Capt O E Holtz Jr
1st Lt J A Koegler
1st Lt M S Munez
2nd Lt J W Dennis
2nd Lt L O Zittrain

Not Pictured:

1st Lt A Mitchell Jr
2nd Lt L F Marten
2nd Lt R H Yanker
Sgt G O Dudley
Sp/2 S Redding Jr

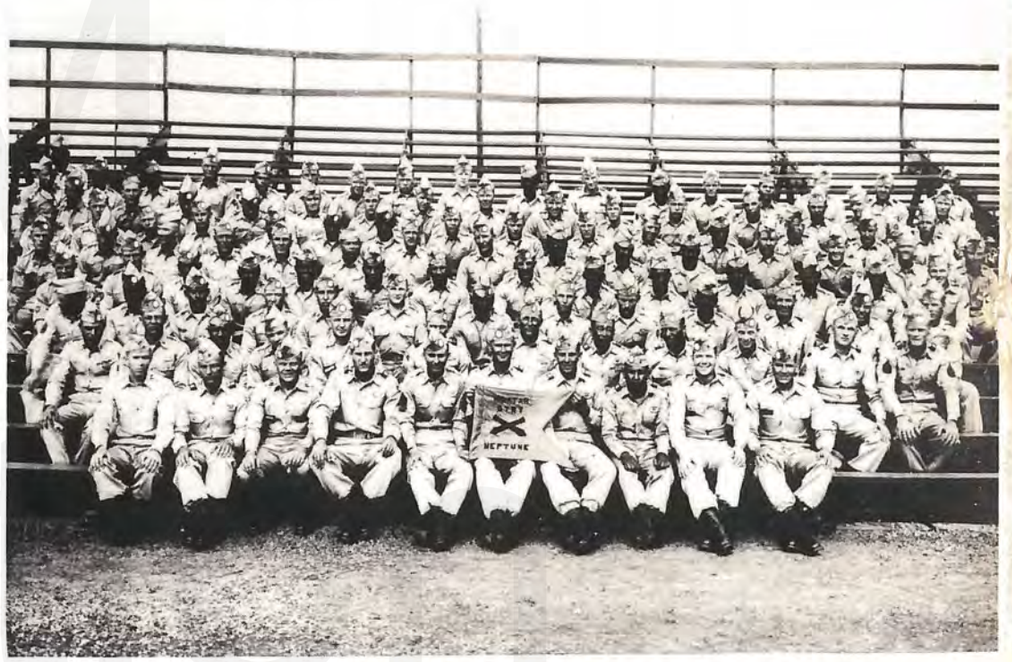
CAPT. OSCAR E. HOLTZ
CO B Btry.



Starting on 28 October 1955 with a group of green recruits, "B" Battery in less than two short months and after much hard work, graduated over two hundred trained artillerymen. "B" Battery left Fort Bragg, North Carolina, arriving at Fort Campbell, Kentucky three days later.

Again we had to adjust ourselves to a new home and different surroundings but it wasn't long before we found it was just about the same jumping out of a C-119 over Fort Campbell as over Fort Bragg.

In March "B" Battery went under the control of Combat Group Neptune and that's when things started to happen. It was hard at first to get used to being a mortar battery, but it began to grow on us after a while. Plenty of able assistance on the mortar was furnished by the fine NCO's who come to "B" Battery from Support Company, although still in the early stages of the new training phase, no one in "B" Battery has any doubts as to the ability of Bravo to perform its new mission in Combat Group Neptune with the same professional know-how and finness as it has always done in the past.





C BATTERY

When 1st Lt. Harry W. Brown assumed command of the battery in September, Capt. John H. Linden, who had commanded the Battery for a year, went to Battalion Headquarters as a staff officer.

The Battery received a new first sergeant in October and chief of firing Battery when M/Sgt Morris N. Turner assumed the responsibilities. SFC Charles F. Loveland was appointed chief of firing battery. Also in October the battery was designated to train Artillery recruits who were to fill in the shortages of personnel in the Battalion. 1st Lt. Blum and M/Sgt Donald Snowhite were primarily responsible for recruit training.

In March 1st Lt. Harry W. Brown was moved to Battalion Headquarters as assistant S-3. 1st Lt. Charles A. Hoenstine Jr. assumed command of the Battery and is the present commander.

Shortly after, Major General Paul D. Adams, XVIII Airborne Corps Commander inspected the barracks of Charlie, the only unit inspected in the 187th ARCT, and it received a letter of commendation for its superior showing.

The Battery made its first parachute jump at Fort Campbell, on Yamoto Drop Zone, in the latter part of March.

The Battery is again preparing to receive more recruits who are to be given artillery training and to be molded into paratroopers.



1ST LT. CHARLES A. HOENSTINE
C Battery

EIGHTH ROW
Pvt-2 W White
PFC C Housley
Sp/3 Y Kirk

SEVENTH ROW
PFC O Paul
Pvt G Flores
Pvt G Davis
Pvt J Haseldon
Pvt C Franklin
Pvt D Mattox
Pvt J Velez
Pvt B Neely
PFC T Sothman
PFC C Bowker

Pvt-2 N Smith
Sgt H Geter

SIXTH ROW
Sgt B Tinsley
Pvt F Smith
Sgt D Parker
SFC E Sevigne
Pvt S Thompson
Pvt G Deveau
PFC P Keller
Pvt J Krilevich
Pvt S Kennedy
Pvt P Jensen
Sgt H Drake

FIFTH ROW
Pvt N Szoke
Pvt D Secondine
Sgt F Walker
Sp/3 A Ladolce
PFC C Jackson
Pvt F Brooks
Pvt J Gregory
PFC W Fletcher
Pvt J Benway
PFC T Rhea
Sp/2 J Stanway
PFC T Gallion

FOURTH ROW
Pvt J Hall

Pvt J Theriot
Pvt C McNeely
PFC J Twitty
Sgt S Williams
Pvt C Stroud
Pvt E Josey
PFC C McLean
PFC R Patterson
Sgt E Weston
Pvt R Sneed

THIRD ROW
PFC D Bland
Sgt B Hailey
SFC W Jones
Sp/3 R Fairley

Sp/3 A Jiminez
Pvt D Davis
Pvt J Barryman
Pvt R Pardee
Sgt L Smith
Pvt H McCreery

SECOND ROW
Pvt J McDonald
Pvt W Bufkin
Cpl L Sheppard
Cpl R Thoreson
Sp/3 A Tunnell
Sp/3 W Messinger
Pvt R Hundley
Sgt U Cole
Sp/3 D Settle

Sp/2 N Breton
Sgt J Ward

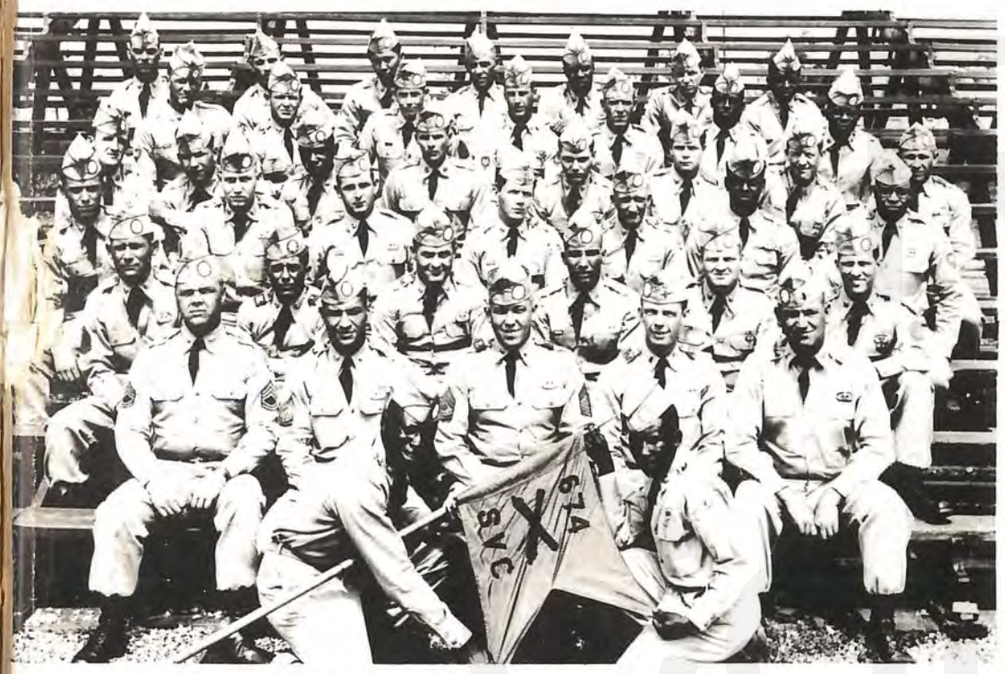
FIRST ROW
Sgt W Barrentine
SFC R Hamilton
SFC W Georgetown
1st Lt G Culpepper
1st Lt C Hoenstine (CO)
M/Sgt D Snowhite
SFC D Brown
SFC D Rutter
Sgt J Morrison

Not Pictured:
1st Lt R Craft

2nd Lt D Canady
2nd Lt E Valdivieso
2nd Lt J Collins
M/Sgt M Turner (1st Sgt)
SFC P Alvarado
SFC J Bassnett
SFC W Dekeyser
SFC D Kershaw
SFC C Loveland
SFC V Muir
SFC D Rine
SFC S White
Sgt E Galdden
Sgt F Nelson
Sp/2 A Longtoe
Sp/3 C Foster

Sp/3 E McIntosh
Sp/3 R Woodward
PFC C Crooker
PFC C Conder
Pvt T Donahue
Pvt C Franklin
Pvt S Gilstrap
Pvt D Donovan
Pvt D Gonzales
Pvt B Long
Pvt W Miller
Pvt D Pratt
Pvt A Tisdale
Pvt B Whitt
Pvt W Burke
Pvt B Locke

SERVICE BATTERY



SIXTH ROW
Sp/3 W Neaves Jr
Sp/3 R L Kennedy
PFC R T Teramoto
Sgt W J Milligan
Sgt C Warren
Pvt R Trentadue
PFC L Thomas

FIFTH ROW
Sp/3 C E Norman
Pvt R R Winn
Sgt H C Hubbard
Sp/3 R P Higgins
Sgt R L Crabb

PFC O L Dugar
Pvt J C Curry

FOURTH ROW
PFC R C Evans
Pvt G Trejo
Pvt S Turner
Pvt J R McQuay
PFC H R Schwartz
Pvt J B Meekens
Sp/2 D E LaPlante
Sgt W D Vroman

THIRD ROW
Pvt R E Murphy

PFC D L Burgess
Sp/3 C C McLaughlin
PFC R E Johnson
Pvt E A Gusky
Pvt J L Yates
Sp/3 I Frederick

SECOND ROW
Sgt W G Galinsky
Sgt H Lueth Jr
SFC T F Johnson
Pvt O Martinez
Sgt W W Sherrard
SFC P L Colvin

FIRST ROW
SFC G Rask
SFC E Johnson
M/Sgt C Duncheskie (1st Sgt)
1st Lt B M Mulligan (CO)
CWO J L Tatalajski

KNEELING
Pvt T D Bennafield
Pvt W L Holmes

Not Pictured:
1st Lt R R Rolph Jr

SFC J A Crocker
SFC H B Wright
Sp/2 F Hibbard
Sp/3 B L Waite
Sp/3 P D Yoders
Pvt W Arsenault
PFC J L Dickerson
Sp/3 G H Moore
Pvt L J Sanderfoot
Pvt R E Guilliams
Pvt H R King
Pvt J R Robertson
PFC R C Watts
Sp/2 W Gainey
Pvt L Little

In early September a Replacement Training Program was established in the 187th Abn RCT with selected men assigned to take Artillery Training. Service Battery played an important role in this program.

In October, a new 1st Sgt. took over the battery as SFC William P. Hoffman was vice M/Sgt. William G. Howser, who transferred to AAA Battery of the 187th. Also during this month the Recruit training Program reached field firing exercise phase, and Service Battery Ammo Section under the leadership of Sgt. Herbert L. Crabb was assigned to furnish all the necessary ammunition for this field problem.

March saw the command of the Battery change as 1st Lt. Bernard Mulligan replaced 1st Lt. Marion F. England, who transferred to Battalion Headquarters Staff. This month also brought us many qualified replacements from the departing 11th Airborne Division.

As the 674th continues to fulfill its mission, Service Battery will support each demand until reactivation of the 101st Airborne Division. We will then do as we have in the past by supporting all needs of the Artillery Batteries.

1ST LT. BERNARD M. MULLIGAN
CO Svc. Btry.





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