

HISTORY OF THE 244TH MOBILE COMMUNICATION SQUADRON (CONT)

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I. MISSION AND CAPABILITIES

A. MISSION: The peacetime mission of the 244th Mobile Communications Squadron (Contingency) is to attain and maintain an optimum effective capability to carry out roles and tasks assigned in gaining Command plans for utility in national emergency.

B. CAPABILITIES:

1. Command and management of assigned resources.
2. Installation, operation and maintenance of radio relays and mobile radio relay terminals at unprepared sites. Includes VHF or UHF/FM microwave and tropospheric scatter equipment. Also responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of radio communications tributary teams and for linking those teams to relay centers by radio communications. Includes telephone, teletype, radio and communications center functions.
3. Organizational and field maintenance of organic communications equipment including ground power equipment and motor vehicles.
4. Administration, security, supply, transportation, food service and medical capabilities to enable optimum self-support in mobile, tactical situation.
5. Provides for the operation and maintenance of the following equipment:

Facility	No
HF/ISB/FDX Radio-Hi Pwr	1
HF/ISB/FDM Radio	3
Telephone Control	1
Comm & Crypto Center (Base)	1
Technical Control (Base)	1
Transportable Tropo (21 Channel)	2
FM Radio Terminal (12 Channel)	3

Facility	No
FM Radio Relay (12 Channel)	5
HF SSB Voice Term	2
Crypto, KW-7	As Required
Ciphony, KG-30	As Required
Ciphony, HY-5	As Required
24 Ch MW Relay	4

C. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND:

1. The 244th AACCS E&I Squadron was organized on 7 Jul 56 under authority contained in General Order 46, The Adjutant General, Oregon, dated 24 May 56 as outlined in UMD 1-2221, dated 1 Jun 55.

2. The unit was redesignated from 244th AACCS E&I Squadron to 244th GEEIA Squadron effective 1 Jan 59 under authority contained in General Order 24, The Adjutant General, Oregon, dated 20 Feb 59.

3. The unit was redesignated and reorganized from 244th GEEIA Squadron to 244th Radio Relay Squadron effective 1 Oct 60 under authority contained in General Order 63, The Adjutant General, Oregon, dated 23 Sep 60.

4. The unit was redesignated and reorganized from the 244th Radio Relay Squadron to the 244th Mobile Communications Squadron (Contingency) under the authority contained in General Order 12, The Adjutant General, Oregon dated 4 Mar 68.

D. Major Philip G. Saxton, FG787059, assumed command upon reorganization 16 March 1968.

E. PERSONNEL:

1. STRENGTH ———	Authorized	Assigned
Officers	10	7
Airmen	174	153
Air Technicians	14	11

2. ATTENDANCE. Average percentage of attendance at Unit Training Assemblies was 98%. 99% of all assigned personnel attended field training.

3. Number of enlistments and discharges for period of this report: Enlistments - 34, Discharges - 14.

F. MAJOR EQUIPMENT.

NOMENCLATURE	AUTHORIZED	ON HAND
Tropo Scatter Terminals AN/TRC-97A	2	1
Radio Terminal Sets AN/TRC-61	3	3
Radio Relay Sets AN/TRC-36	5	5
Comm Center MGC-2	1	0
Comm Center MGC-6	1	0
Technical Control Facility	1	0
Shop Van V-83	1	0
Supply Van V-83	1	0
Switch board AN/TTC-7	1	0
Communications Central AN/TSC-15	3	0
HF Radio Voice Terminal KWM-2A	2	2
3 1/2 Ton 4x4 6 passenger truck, site support vehicle	15	15
2 1/2 Ton 6x6 truck	15	15
Station Wagon	1	1
Wrecker	1	1
Snow Cat	1	1
Trailer tank, gas, 600 gal	2	2
Trailer tank, water, 400 gal	2	2
EMU-10 Generators	21	6
Substitutes:		
PU-286		
GGC-10AC	0	2

NOMEN	Authorized	On Hand
Heaters, H-1, 400,000 BTU	10	10

G. FACILITIES:

The squadrons headquarters, administrative, personnel, communications operations and maintenance are located in Bldg 1333. The motor vehicle and aerospace ground power shops are located about 400' north in Bldg 1225 within the OreANG motor vehicle compound. The medical section and the food service sections utilize the facilities of the 142nd Fighter Group.

II. OPERATIONS & TRAINING

A. Operational Readiness - compiled from Operations Readiness Reports RCS 1-ANG-VI. Authority: ANGM 178-1.

<u>QUARTER ENDING</u>	<u>COMMANDERS ESTIMATE OF OVER-ALL UNIT READINESS</u>	<u>COMMANDERS FORECAST OF OVER-ALL UNIT READINESS</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>MOBILITY EQUIPMENT</u>
30 Sep 67	8	6	8	9/9
31 Dec 67	8	6	8	9/9
31 Mar 68	5	5	5	9/5
30 Jun 68	5	5	5	9/5

B. TRAINING PROGRAM:

1. Skill Knowledge Testing:

<u>SKT LEVEL</u>	<u>QUALIFIED</u>	<u>UNQUALIFIED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE QUALIFIED</u>
3-level	43	2	95.5%
5-level	15	4	78.9%
7-level	4	2	66.6%
9-level (USAFSE)	No tests administered in 1968.		

2. Student flow through training schools:

ABR 29130	4	(Outstanding Grads - 2)
ABR 54530	1	
ABR 62230	3	(Outstanding Grads - 1)
ABR 64530	1	
ABR 70230	1	
ABR 30434	1	
ABR 90230	1	
AZR 30450		
(AN/TRC-97A)	1	
40ST 1935		
(Ground Safety)	1	
AJF 75000-24		
(OJT Trainer)	11	

C. FIELD TRAINING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1967.

1. During the period immediately preceding this report the unit devoted considerable time in preparation for participation in Exercise "KITTY HAWK". Shortly prior to departure for the exercise area the Squadron received word that "KITTY HAWK" had been cancelled due to the middle east crises. Because squadron members had already committed the period for field training which differed from the rest of the Communications Group it was decided to go ahead with field training during the originally planned time frame at home station and at Camp Bonneville.

(a) The first period of the field training exercise was spent in conducting contingency exercises using home station as a base of operations.

(b) The second period of training was located at Camp Bonneville.

(c) The entire unit went thru the National Guard Bureau's program for Riot Control and Domestic Disturbance training. Basic Riot Control formations, chemical warfare training and street fighting fundamentals were presented to the personnel. Each "pla-

toon" was sent thru a mock village area where "riots" were being simulated very vividly by "aggressor" type personnel.

(d) Along with the above the unit personnel were given a comprehensive exercise in survival training. One of the squadron officers had recently completed the AFCS survival school. The rugged terrain in and around Camp Bonneville lent itself very nicely to survival problems.

D. CONDUCT OF UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLIES:

1. Exercise on October 1966 Unit Training assembly week end saw a terminal team at the Warm Springs Indian Reservation with the other end terminating into the relay center at the Hillsboro Armory. Two landline teletype commercial circuits were interfaced into the system at Portland International Airport and carried on over to the relay center.

III. REORGANIZATION

Advance word was received that the unit would be reorganized during this period on or about 16 Mar 68. The impact of this information triggered extensive interviews with personnel who were required to retrain following the advent of the reorganization. Career fields new to the squadron were included within the new Unit Manning Document (UMD). A significant portion of the hard work previously accomplished in the recruiting and training of radio relay repairmen was laid aside. Following receipt of the new UMD personnel were reclassified and the new sections consisting of telephone maintenance, refrigeration, radio communications operations, Communications Center Operations, Technical

Control and Teletype Maintenance were organized and established. Justifications to fill the Air Technician Communications Operations Technician position came into being but it was not to be filled until man years hopefully became available immediately following this period. No new equipment was received to support the communications function however the two terminals and seven relays were shipped to our sister squadron in Washington, the 262nd Mobile Communications Squadron at Bellingham.

The squadron said farewell to its one and only commander, L/Col Albert E. Garvin, since its original organization in 1956. L/Col Garvin assumed command of the 142nd Mobile Communications Squadron on 16 March 1968.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. SSgt James E. Stewart was named the Unit Outstanding Airman for CY 1967.

B. A marksmanship team composed of SMSgt Ray Dragowsky, Ralph Mesick, TSgt Arthur Willard, SSgt Richard DeMars, and Sgt Jan Anderson won the Oregon National Guard .22 Cal. Rifle League championship.

C. Social Functions. On 19 April 1968 the NCO's of this unit held their 4th Annual Dining-In with the officers as guests. Invited guest present were the State Adjutant General, Maj General Donald N. Anderson; the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Brigadier General Staryl C. Austin Jr; Chief of Staff for Air, Brigadier General Gordon L. Doolittle; commander

C , 252nd Communications Group
(Mobile), Colonel Ray H. Wilson; the Adjutant Generals Aide, Major

Lee Anderson and the OANG Outstanding Airmen, Sgt Holliday. This event was attended by 58 officers and airmen and was held at Ford's Restaurant in Portland, Oregon.

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>PAFSC</u>	<u>UNIT POSITION</u>
Major	Philip G. Saxton	FG787059	A3016	Commander, 3016
Major	Benjamin W. Faber	FG2229081	3034	C&E Operations Officer
Major	Richard O. Hoyt	FG 1852734	3016	C&E Maint Officer
CWO-W3	Jack F. Brown	FG2050254	7324	Personnel Officer
Capt	James G. Miller	FG3127841	3034	Comm Officer
Capt	Donald E. Moore	FR76205	3034	AF Advisor
1st Lt	Gene A. Katke	FG3170480	3031	Comm Officer
2nd Lt	Douglas Sorenson		3031	Comm Officer
CMSgt	Bob J. Mitchell	AF19015584	30490	Grd Rad Comm Supt
SMSgt	Raymond W. Dragowsky	AF28789885	64590	Inv Mgmt Supt
SMSgt	Ralph L. Mesick	AF19537143	30490	Grd Rad Comm Supt
SMSgt	Joseph P. Hellberg	AF19047920	01090	First Sergeant
MSgt	Luft, Arthur W.	AF28770528	47170	Veh Maint Tech
MSgt	Richard S. Mill	AF28790707	54370	Elec Pwr Prod Tech
MSgt	Ronald M. Lamberton	AF28793128	29170	Comm Ops Supv
MSgt	Lewis M. Storms	AF18254899	30470	AF Tech Advisor
TSgt	Richard T. Kyle	AF19657245	75270	Educ & Trng Tech

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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