

244th  
CRC

HQ OREANG

SPECIAL REPORT

ON

Activities of the

244th Mobile Communications Squadron (Contingency)

SNO-CAT CREW

in Douglas County during State Emergency

29 January 1969 to 3 February 1969

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## 1. STATEMENT OF THE SITUATION

The Adjutant General's Office notified the Chief of Staff, Oregon ANG, at 1900 hours, 27 Jan 69, that weather conditions were such in Lane and Douglas Counties that several thousand animals were starving and that ranchers were unable to transport feed to their animals.

The OreANG SNO-CAT was requested to render transportation assistance to the Lane County Civil Defense Director under the control of the State's Command Center for Emergency Services.

## 2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSIGNMENT

a. The SNO-CAT Crew was alerted for State Emergency Active Duty at 2000 hours 27 Jan and directed to prepare the SNO-CAT for possible operations in the Lane County area.

b. The SNO-CAT was serviced and loaded onto a 25' flat bed trailer with tractor on 28 Jan 69. Survival equipment and rations were placed in a support vehicle (4x4 Dodge Power Wagon) for a crew of two.

c. At 2000 hours 28 Jan 69 the Adjutant General directed that two individuals of the 244th Mobile Communications Squadron (OreANG) be placed on State Active Duty and report to the Lane County Civil Defense Director at 0800 hours 29 Jan 69.

## 3. EXECUTION OF THE MISSION

(See Attachment #1 for detailed account of the activities.)

Initially the crew reported to the Lane County Civil Defense Director's Office. Following a meeting in that office the Command Post in Salem directed the SNO-CAT crew to proceed to Roseburg and report to the Douglas County Sheriff, Sheriff Truett.

The crew supported only those activities explicitly directed by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

During all the above operations the crew was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Courtney. The deputy sheriff provided direction and traffic control. He assisted in the actual loading and unloading of the SNO-CAT including the transportation of hay and feed.

The crew delivered approximately 7,500 pounds of hay and sack feed to stranded and distressed live stock. The trailer and support vehicle traveled a total distance of 860 miles. The SNO-CAT traveled 166 miles over snowfields.

## 4. LOGISTICS

### a. Billeting:

(1) One night at the Red Carpet Motel in Eugene

(2) Four nights at the Douglas Inn Motel. All billeting costs were billed to the Military Dept., State of Oregon.

b. Messing. Cash outlay: \$15.40. The Deputy Sheriff purchased several meals for the crew. The ranchers assisted by providing two meals to the crew.

c. POL's.

(1) ANG Credit Card - 9 gal gas - \$3.00

(2) ANG Bulk Pump - 27 gal gas @ \$1.19 - \$5.13

ANG Bulk Pump - 25 gal diesel - \$6.70

(3) Douglas County Motor Pool - 72 gal diesel No charge

Douglas County Motor Pool - 25.3 gal gas No charge

d. Repairs to Equipment. Estimated parts and labor costs required to effect repairs at home station to the transmission.

(1) Labor. 15 hrs @\$5.13/hr \$76.95

(2) Parts 61.00

(3) Tire repair. 4hrs@\$5.13/hr 20.52

Total Cost. \$158.47.

5. PERSONNEL

MSgt Arthur W. Luft and MSgt Richard S. Mill were on State Active Duty for a total of six days.

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1. Detailed Report  
2. Pictures  
3. Newspaper items.

Attachment #1

0930 hrs 29 Jan 69

Departed PIA

1600 hrs 29 Jan 69

Reported to Capt Eggleston at the Lane County Sheriff's and Civil Defense office. Stood by for possible assignment until 0800 hrs 3 Jan 69. Received orders from the Command Post (Col Biehn) to report to Sheriff Truett of Douglas County in Roseburg.

1030 hrs 30 Jan 69

Departed Eugene en route to Roseburg.

1300 hrs 30 Jan 69

Reported to Sheriff Truett in Roseburg.

1400 hrs 30 Jan 69

Refueled equipment in the Douglas County Motor Pool.

1500 hrs 30 Jan 69

Dispatched to the Tom Mercer ranch located on Sunshine Rd. where 30 bales of hay (two loads of hay) were delivered to livestock on the range over the snowfields for a distance of four miles.

1800 hrs 30 Jan 69

Dispatched to the Howard Henderlong ranch located on Sunshine Rd. to deliver 18 one hundred pound sacks of pellets to livestock over snowfields and hilly terrain two miles distance.

2230 hrs 30 Jan 69

Returned equipment to the Douglas County Shops.

1000 hrs 31 Jan 69

Dispatched to the Tom Mercer Ranch located on Newton Creek Road. Hauled 22 bales of hay over snowfields and hilly terrain seven miles distance. During this detail the terrain was so rough that in the last instance the crew was unable to negotiate the trails and was forced to return the feed undelivered.

1615 hrs 31 Jan 69

The SNO-CAT developed transmission problems and was returned to the Douglas County Motor Pool for repairs.

0800 hrs 1 Feb 69

Crew began work on the SNO-CAT to effect repairs. The problem was diagnosed as chipped teeth on the reverse and low transmission gears. The chips had lodged in the main drive gear which resulted in excessive transmission noises. The chips were removed from the gear and drive shaft housing and the SNO-CAT was placed back in operation on an emergency basis.

1600 hrs 1 Feb 69

Dispatched to the George Short ranch in Wilbur, Oregon. 10 sacks of feed were delivered to livestock over snowfields eight miles distance.

1945 hrs 1 Feb 69

Returned to the Douglas County Motor Pool.

0900 hrs 2 Feb 69

SNO-CAT was dispatched to the Darley Wares ranch located in the Garden Valley area. 40 one hundred pound sacks of feed were delivered over snow fields two miles distance (three trips) and eleven bales of hay were dispersed throughout the range where sheep were spotted over a five mile area.

1830 hrs 2 Feb 69

Returned to County Motor Pool.

1845 hrs 2 Feb 69

Received word from the Command Post to return to PIA on Monday.

0900 hrs 3 Feb 69

Refueled and serviced equipment at County Motor Pool and returned to PIA at 1530 hrs.

















