

# HISTORY

of the

244th COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

**unit designation**

PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PPLD, OR

**location**

for the period

1 JANUARY 1982

through

31 MARCH 1982

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## REQUIRED DATA

## 1. UNIT AND LOCATION

244th Combat Comm Sq (Contg)  
Portland Intl Arpt, Portland, OR  
97218

## 2. NAME AND GRADE OF COMMANDER

GENE A. KATKE, LtCol, OreANG

## 3. CHAIN OF COMMAND (See ANGR 210-1, Attachment 1)

NGB

AIR FORCE

AG STATE OF OREGON

AFCC

244TH COMBAT COMM SQ

TACD

252ND CMBT COMM GP

244TH CMBT COMM SQ

## 4. SUBORDINATE UNITS (See ANGR 210-1, Attachment 1)

244TH COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT (ADMIN SUPPORT ONLY)

## 5. MISSION (Give authority and brief statement of primary mission)

244th Combat Communications Squadron (Contg) NGB Ltr dtd 26 March 1976  
Peacetime Mission: Organize, train, man & equip to attain & maintain optimum effective capability to carry out roles & tasks assigned by gaining command plans for utilization in the event of national emergency. State Peacetime Mission: To provide organized & trained personnel for preservation of life and property, & maintenance of order & public safety whenever required & so directed. Mobilization: To provide those organized & trained communications elements for the purpose of conducting operations support.

## 6. PERSONNEL

	OFFICERS	AIRMEN	TECHNICIANS		CIVILIANS	
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AUTHORIZED	8	195	15	2	0	0
ASSIGNED	8	190	15	2	0	0

## 7. EQUIPMENT (Give official nomenclature and quantity of mission-type equipment)

1-TYC 8 DSTE	1-TSC 15 HF Comm Central
1-TTC 22 Switchboard	1-TSC 60V2 HF Comm Central
1-TGC 20 Comm Center	2-TRC 97D Radio Set (Wideband)
1-MSC 22B Tech Control	5-TRC 36 Radio Set (UHF/VHF Wideband Relay)
1-MGC 6 Comm Center	3-TRC 61 Radio Set (UHF/VHF Wideband Terminal)
1-MGC 2 Comm Center	5-FRC 153 Radio Set (HF Command & Control)
(Off Line)	47-Trailers
1-Wire Maintenance Van	
1-Unit Command Post	
38-Power Units	
64-Motorized Vehicles	

## NARRATIVE

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In the Operations & Training area, preparations were being made for the Gallant Eagle 82 Exercise which was started 24 March 1982 and will end 7 April 1982. There are 100 personnel from the Squadron and Flight participating in this exercise. Personnel have been deployed by air and ground to numerous locations within the western United States with the central location being Rodman Relay in the Mojave Desert in California.

In September 1981 the Squadron made excellent strides in the training program by achieving zero overtime in training and retained that standing through the balance of 1981 and has only one person out of 100 in overtime training during this quarter of 1982.

The Squadron and Flight pioneered a new concept of mobility training in 1981. This training required by Tactical Communications Division OPLAN 202 is being accomplished for each new member during the first calendar quarter that they are a member of the unit. Mobility Training accomplished this way is very effective. Instruction is accomplished the 1st and 2nd UTA followed by a field exercise combining instruction and practical application by hands on student participation. In addition to achieving the desired mobility objectives the new member establishes himself/herself rapidly and is assimilated by both the section and unit with increased productivity compared to previous training programs. This method of instruction is enthusiastically supported by unit graduates and is continuously reviewed and upgraded. The 244th units were the first Guard units in the nation to pioneer this program.

There has been no change in the units C-Rating.

The performance of the units equipment has been outstanding.

There is nothing being planned in the way of facilities.

The units manpower levels have remained constant. We had an average manning level of 87 percent for 1981, an improvement of 1980 by 3%. Our current manning level at 96.5 percent. Our annual percentage average of attendance for 1981 for Officers was 100 percent and 92% for Airman, with an overall average of 93 percent attendance.

Funds for the unit remain satisfactory for meeting mission requirements, special training and Air Technician travel and per diem.

Other subjects that warrant recognition are a communication from General John B. Conaway, Director of the Air National Guard, which stated in part "Please convey my personal appreciation to the members of the Oregon Air National Guard who participated in BRIGHT STAR 82. These outstanding men and women of the 244th Communications Squadron and Flight demonstrated the capability to effectively support the mission of the Rapid Deployment Air Force in a most austere environment. Their enthusiasm, cooperation and preparedness to execute assigned tasks was personally observed and noted to me. Such professionalism reflects favorably on the Air National Guard and especially your people. My compliments for a job well done."

The 252 Combat Communications Group awarded the 244th Squadron with the Tributary of the Year Award for 1981, for overall performance in record communications. This was accomplished by meeting all the requirements for the award and the extra efforts to transmit error free messages.

Our unit had a first in that to the best of our knowledge we are the only unit in the history of the Oregon Air National Guard that went to sea to accomplish its mission. In September of 1981 we provided four generators in support of a maritime surveillance test of the E-3a (AWACS). Two members of our unit spent four days on the Pacific Ocean on a 63 foot fishing trawler operating the generators.

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In the area of Operations and Training, the squadron completed participation in Exercise "GALLANT EAGLE 82" which evolved on 7 April 1982, at Rodman Relay located 35 miles from George AFB, CA. Some significant results of this exercise were establishing and maintaining a cantonment area for over 100 personnel; operating equipment for six wideband systems and one Command and Control HF System. The unit was cited for excellent performance by the United States Readiness Command and the Adjutant General, State of Oregon. The unit deployed to Salem, Oregon to practice a NORAD scenario.

The performance of equipment has been outstanding.

There is nothing planned for the facilities.

Manpower level is constant.

Funds for the unit remain Satisfactory for meeting mission requirements, Special Training, Air Technician Travel and Per Diem.

TSG George B. Austin received the State "Airman of the Year" award during this period for his outstanding contribution to the community.

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OPERATIONS & TRAINING: Unit members participated NATO JCS Exercises DISPLAY DETERMINATION in Greece and England; Exercise QUANTIM JUMP in Turkey; and Exercise COLD FIRE in Germany. These exercises gave invaluable training to squadron personnel in utilizing small equipment packages. The unit received a Command COMSEC Inspection resulting in an Outstanding rating, which was only the 2nd time a rating of its degree has been awarded.

Equipment Performance has been Outstanding.

No changes are planned for the facilities.

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During the October UTA, the unit deployed to McNary Field, Salem, Oregon. Operations and personnel training were conducted utilizing Radio Relay equipment. At the same time (UTA), mobility training was conducted at Camp Bonneville, WA.

The performance of equipment has been Outstanding.

There is nothing planned for the facilities.

The fairly large change in airmen assigned to the unit was due to a transfer of newly assigned personnel to the 8142 Student Flight.

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The unit was cited by Maj General George E. Coates, Washington National Guard in a letter to Colonel Benjamin W. Faber, Commander of the 252 CMBTCG, Camp Murray, WA for participation in Exercise FELIX TIBEL. TSG George J. Whitworth was awarded the Chester E. McCarty Superior Performance Award for outstanding professionalism in accomplishment of assigned military duties.