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January
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HISTORY

of the

244 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

unit designation

PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORTLAND, OR.

location

for the period

JANUARY 1996

through

JUNE 1996

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REQUIRED DATA

1. UNIT AND LOCATION

244CBCS
Portland, OR 97218-2797

2. NAME AND GRADE OF COMMANDER

Dennis W. Mitts, Maj

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

HQ ORANG
244 CBCS
252 CCGP

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

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

The mission of the 244 Combat Communications Squadron is to Train, Maintain and Equip all personnel for taskings.

6. PERSONNEL

	OFFICERS	AIRMEN	TECHNICIANS	AGR	CIVILIANS
Auth	5	120	20	3	
Assign	6	130	20	3	

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

AN/TSQ-111	AN/TGC-27
AN/TSC-93B (V) 2	AN/UGC-144's
AN/TRC-170 (V) 2	AN/URC-119
AN/TRC-170 (V) 3	SB-3865
AN/TRC-170 (V) 3	TASDAC
#3	AN/TRC-176
AN/GRC-239	AN/GRC-171
AN/TTC-39 A (V) 4	

This part should contain significant information relating to your unit's mission performance. Some basic subjects to include are: (1) operations and training; (2) changes to primary equipment such as radars, aircraft, etc; (3) equipment performance; (4) facilities; (5) maintenance and supply problems; (6) manpower matters affecting the mission; (7) status of funds; (8) other subjects bearing on mission performance. See ANGR 210-1 for additional guidance.

Here are some main highlights of the first half of 1996 for the 244CBCS.

The January UTA was dedicated to training for the upcoming ORI that transpired in July. Selected personnel attended SYSCON training at a Commanders briefing that was held both Saturday and Sunday to prepare for the February 36hr. in-garrison. C-bags were inspected. January Retirements for the 244CBCS were as follows: MSG Sandra Rex. There were two Promotions: A1C Rian Hakala and A1C Scott P. Miller. There were two New Enlistments this month: SrA. David Graves and A1C. Brandon Hoard.

The February UTA - Our 36hr. in-garrison exercise was designed to provide maximum allowable time for realistic operations. Sections not participating in the section training worked normal shift hours. Limited ATSO's and CCA practice was accomplished. Annual safety inspection for Operations, Maintenance Control, and Material Control was conducted. Weapons cleaning inspections, and arms vault procedure training were given by the SP. There was a 2 hour Quality assurance Section Planning Meeting. A dynel tent was erected in the Auditorium to simulate field conditions. Contamination control facilities were set up to familiarize personnel with CCA procedures. February Retirements were as follows: TSgt Stephen C. Crawford. Promotions for February: MSgt Conrad K. Spens.

The March drill was designated as a Commander's Option UTA. The main focus of the weekend was to prepare for our May 96hr. deployment and to complete final tune up for all UTC's. Among the numerous activities held, there were classes in-CPR, SABC, COMSEC, and Initial Drivers Training. March Retirements were: MSgt Seibert T. Root. Promotions for this month were: TSgt Bruce C. Anderson and TSgt Raymond B. Tyre. The Airman of the Quarter board met at 1500hrs. in the Auditorium. The following Airmen won in 2 categories: Category I-Laura Sutherland - Category II-Sandra Woodin - Category III-None.

April UTA-This weekend was dedicated to a Mobility Exercise to help prepare the 244CBCS for our mission at the July '96 ORI. Training was conducted on palletizing, weighing and labeling UTC increments and Hazardous Cargo. All personnel went through a processing line to check all essentials before deployment. This was the month for weigh-ins, physicals and shots. Retirements for this month are: Russell L. Ainslie. Promotions for this month were: SrA. Jeffery W. Bynum, SrA. Brandon M. Hoard, and TSgt Kenneth Stillwell.

May was designated as a 96 hour deployment in support of 252CCGP Oplan 533. 3-4 May was the May UTA. 5-6 May was Our Annual field training. Our objective for this UTA was to conduct a command and control and circuit dress rehearsal for the ORI. Also practiced were CFP command and control in all rated areas at a criteria of "Excellent" or higher and to achieve

employment circuit activation at a criteria of "Excellent" or higher. Unit members performed ATSO (Passive Defense Measures/Response and BRAAT).

Deployment was to Camp Rilea. Once on Camp Rilea the base was closed. The Convoys departed starting at 0900hrs. Friday 3 May 96 and arrived at Rilea at 1300hrs. S-hour started Sat 4 May 96 at 0800hrs. No camouflage was required for this deployment. Endex was Sun 5 May 96 at 1700hrs. 6 May was utilized for recovering equipment. Personnel were released upon approval of the Commander. Promotions for this month were: TSgt Judy J. Riley.

The 1-2 June UTA was intended for accomplishing a wide variety of training. Outbriefings were held for the ORI as final preparations were set in motion for our deployment. Records were updated, PR folders were reviewed and many operation procedures were put into practice. The following Airmen won Airman of the Quarter in 3 Categories: Category I-Rian Hakala - Category II-Theresa Whalen - Category III-Scott O'Neil. Promotions for this month were: MSgt David J. Linn and MSgt Harold T. Sargent.

This concludes the first half of 1996 for the 244CBCS.

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APPROVED BY (Typed name and grade of Commander)	SIGNATURE
Commander	



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HISTORY REPORT FOR JULY THRU DECEMBER

JULY 15-26 UTA This was our 4-Year inspection of operations within the unit as a whole. Several categories were evaluated. Our overall rating was a "Satisfactory" as there were problems with some equipment. Members attended an ORI Results and Review of the ORI at Camp Murray.

AUGUST-The August UTA was conducted during July. There was no UTA in August. Members of the 244th volunteered to Fight Wildfires burning in the tinder-dry forests throughout the state. They were sent to Bend to battle the "Skeleton" fire, Then to Oakridge to help out with the South Zone Complex Fires.

SEPTEMBER 14-15 UTA was utilized to complete recovery and review the results of the '96 ORI. Preparation for the October 36-Hour In-Garrison UTA and to work on areas for improvement identified by the ORI inspection report.

OCTOBER 5-6 was a 36-Hour In-Garrison exercise designed to provide maximum allowable time for realistic operations.

NOVEMBER 16-17 This was a Commander's option UTA. Utilized for section training and annual flu shots. Promotions this month were - TSgt William E. Jones, TSgt Robert C. Neland.

Maj. Mitts assumed command of the 244th CBCS from Lt.Col. Green, 15 September 1996 at 1400 Hrs. ORANG base. Our Commander for 6 years, Lt.Col. Green, accepted a new assignment as Director of Personnel/Support HQ Oregon Air National Guard, Military Department.

DECEMBER 7-8 This UTA was used for section training and finishing up the years loose ends . The Christmas Party was at Steamers this year and I finally got first hand information on what they are like. Marcus Rowley throws a great Party the food was fantastic and everything went very smoothly . Dress was semi-formal.



Retirements for 1996

JAN

29 Jan 96---MSgt Sandra L. Rex

FEB

17 Feb 96---TSgt Steven C. Crawford

MAR

27 Mar 96---MSgt Seibert T. Root, Jr.

APR

24 Apr 96---TSgt Russell L. Ainslie

Promotions for 1996

JAN

A1C Rlan A. Hakala
A1C Scott P. Miller

FEB

MSgt Conrad K. Spens

MAR

TSgt Bruce C. Anderson
TSgt Raymond B Tyre

APR

SrA Jeffery W. Bynum
SrA Brandon M. Hoard
TSgt Kenneth Stillwell

MAY

TSgt Judy J. Riley

JUN

MSgt David J. Linn
MSgt Harold T Sargent

OCT

TSgt William E. Jones
TSgt Robert C. Neland

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AWARDS & DECORATIONS

AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

Maj. Dennis W. Mitts
MSgt Sandra L Rex
TSgt Russell L. Ainslie
TSgt Steven C. Crawford
TSgt James K. Theabolt

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Maj. Richard D. Rouse
MSgt Siebert T. Root

AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

CMSgt Gary L. Chandler
MSgt James W. Gotcher
MSgt Kenneth R. Graves
MSgt Robert H. Kehler
MSgt Gregory T. Wood
TSgt Shari K. Allen
SSgt Ronald D. Weston
SrA Rachele A. Brown