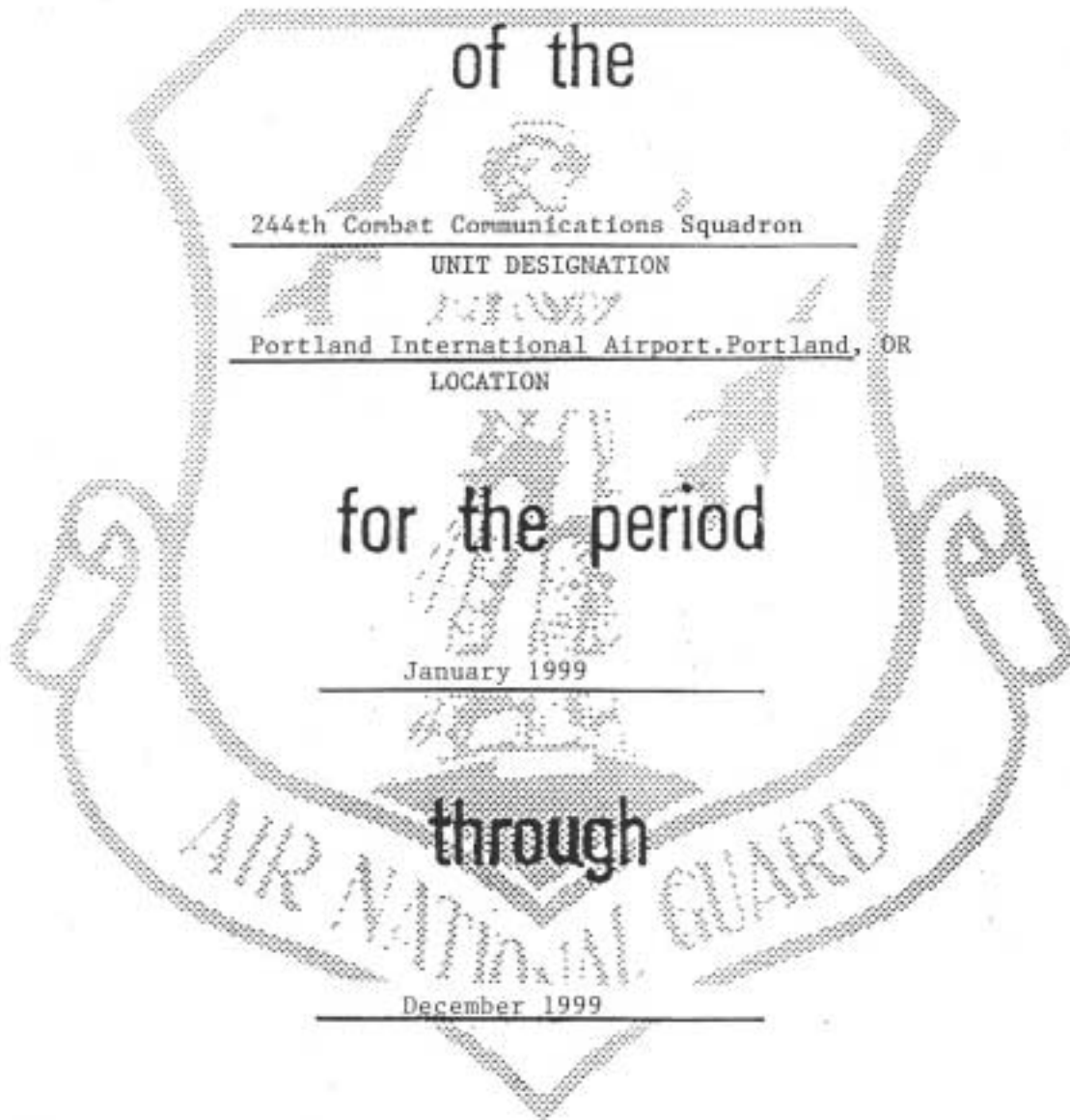


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HISTORY



of the

244th Combat Communications Squadron

UNIT DESIGNATION

Portland International Airport, Portland, OR

LOCATION

for the period

January 1999

through

December 1999

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I.

REQUIRED DATA

1. UNIT AND LOCATION

244th COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON
PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PORTLAND, OREGON 97218

2. NAME AND GRADE OF COMMANDER

DENNIS W. MITTS, LtCOL

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

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

None

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

Peacetime Mission: Organize, train, man and equip to attain and maintain optimum effective capability to carry out roles and tasks assigned by gaining command plans for utilizations in the event of National Emergency.

State Peacetime Mission: To provide organized and trained personnel for preservation of peace and protection of life and property, maintenance of order and public safety whenever required and so directed.

6. PERSONNEL

	OFFICERS	AIRMEN	TECHNICIANS	AGR	CIVILIANS
Auth	5	121			
Assign	7	114			

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

Same - No losses, No Gains

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.

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JAN 9-10— This UTA was utilized for integrating the Air Force flight structure into the Air National Guard. Our Training was a combination of CPR, Self-Aid and Buddy Care, refresher Chemical Warfare training, Humint, SATE, and A-Bag inspections. Col Curry (252 GP Commander) passed through the Base for a visit with the base units.

FEB 20-21—This UTA Troops Inspected their Protective Mask and A-Bag contents. Shots and Physicals were given at the Medical Squadron. There was training on Pre-Mobility Processing. Training Records were updated. There was a Drivers Orientation in the Motor Pool.

MAR—This was a Commanders Option UTA. The emphasis was on AFSC Training. There was a BDU inspection. Training was on deployment functions and Customer Service.

APR—Eagle Ace 99-04 252CCG units operated in-garrison. The 111 ASOC and the 182 ASOC participated in a limited role. Some squadrons deployed elements to remote sites or relays. Our primary goal was to establish SIPRNET and NIPRNET communications as Record Communications. Tactical Unit Switch and LAN through the above facilities. The transmission media was used primarily GMF Satellite, however training needs were met by employing Wideband and HF systems. Those units that were capable of HF SSB and single channel UHF satellite employed them.

MAY 1-2—This was a 36-hr exercise. The mission for this UTA was to Install, operate, and maintain a satellite link with the 143rd CBCS. Install and operate a TRC-170/TSSR/FCC-100 system between the 244th and the 272nd. Participate in the (Century Switch) state Y2K HF COMEX. The 1-2 May 99 UTA was designed to provide maximum allowable time to verify system architecture for Grecian Firebolt 99 scheduled in July 99.

JUNE 5-6—Our Mission was to load all communications equipment, and support equipment in vehicles and on 463L aircraft pallets and prepare rolling stock to be shipped to Camp Rilea and other locations to support AFT-99.

JULY 10-11UTA

SUMMER TRAINING12-23—Grecian Firebolt—Our mission was to support the Army in their combat mission as a Combat Communications Squadron.

JULY 24-25UTA

AUG-NO UTA

SEP 18-19--This UTA was designated as a Mobility Exercise (MOBEX) and the emphasis was on recovering equipment from the AFT. All increments were validated and labeled. This was also a make-up Walk/Run. There was section training and planning for our trip to Salem next drill.

OCT 2-3 --36 Hour Deployed exercise to Salem The 244th Participated in the Y2K ready exercise to demonstrate to the Governor and the State Department that we have very capable members trained to be ready at any given communications disaster. The operation was very successful.

NOV 13-14--This UTA was an ancillary training weekend. There was an opportunity for the Medical Squadron to inform the troops about the effects of the Anthrax shots. CPR, CWDT, SABC, and M-16 Fire.

DEC 4-5—This weekend was the Annual Christmas Party and Children's' Christmas Party. Two on base firefighters gave Fire Extinguisher training. There was a Service Dress inspection on Saturday conducted by the flight commanders. The recall roster was updated, in the event that we should be ready for any Y2K disaster come 01/01/00.

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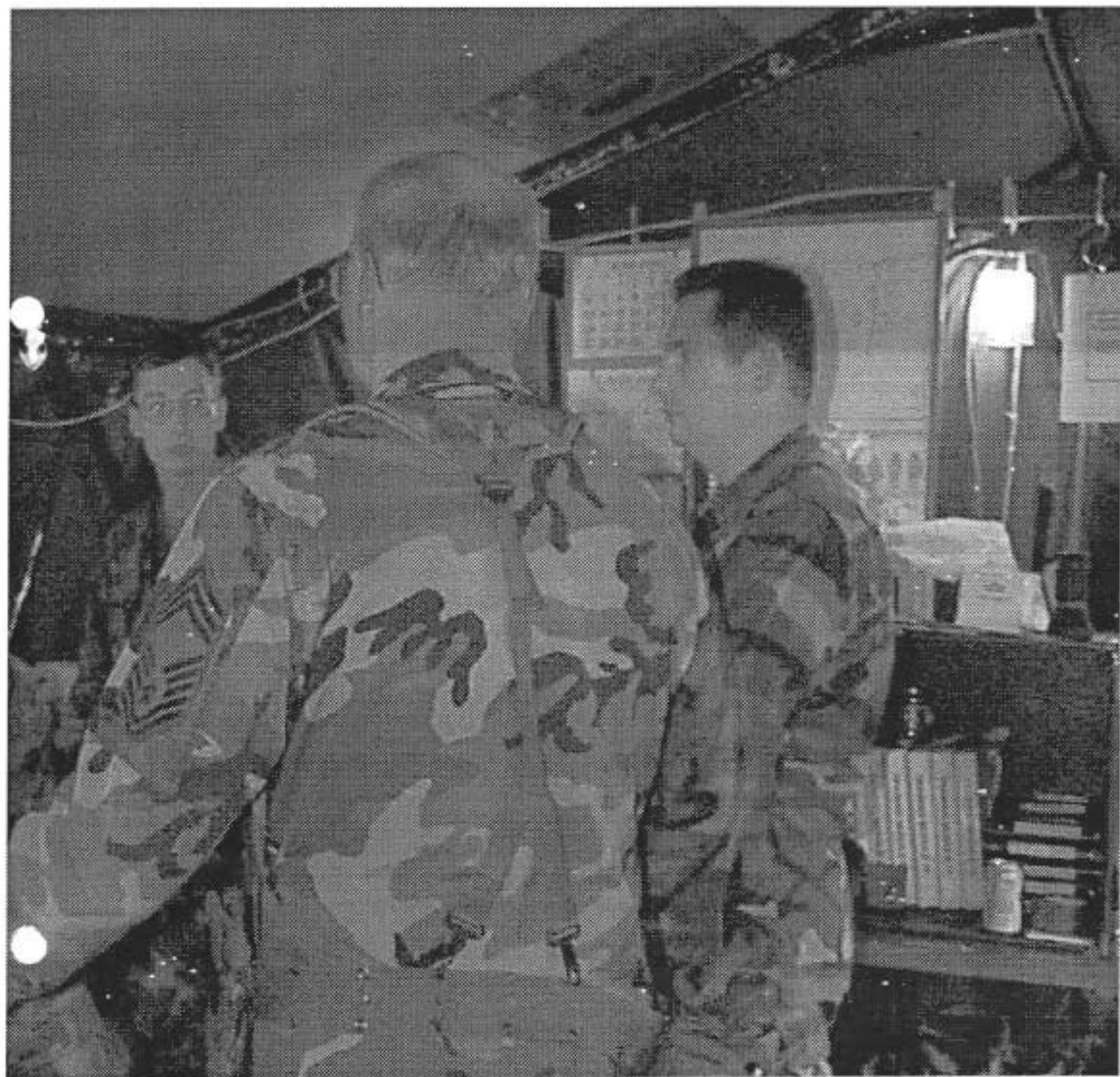


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