

HISTORY

of the

244th Combat Communications Squadron

UNIT DESIGNATION

Portland International Airport, Portland, OR.

LOCATION

for the period

January 2002

through

December 2002

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REQUIRED DATA

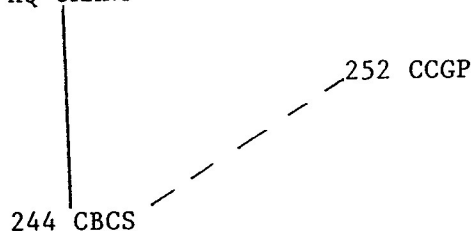
1. UNIT AND LOCATION
 244th COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON
 PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
 PORTLAND, OREGON 97218

2. NAME AND GRADE OF COMMANDER

PETER K. HARRIS, Lt. Col., Commander

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

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

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					
Assign					

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

Same - No losses, No Gains

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2002 brought another first for the 244th! The unit was partially mobilized (involuntarily) to support the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) in Southwest Asia. The unit was selected as the lead unit by the 252nd Combat Communications Group to fill the positions for this mobilization to Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. From this deployed element a number of personnel were selected to perform temporary duty in Afghanistan to help set up base communications at a newly captured airfield.

With a third of the unit deployed the unit concentrated on training for the first half of the year.

Annual Field Training was split between Camp Rilea and Portland Air Base. Mobility Training was one of the major tasks.

In October the unit provided the necessary connectivity to various agencies to demonstrate the units capability in case of a state emergency. Portions of the unit deployed to Salem, Oregon, to Mt. Livingston in Washington and to Eola Hills in Oregon, with a majority remaining in-garrison at Portland, Oregon. The unit ran a satellite link to the reachback facility at Langley AFB, Virginia.

Jan

The 12-13 Jan UTA was a Commander's Option. Emphasis was placed on uninterrupted section training. Chemical Warfare Defense training was conducted for scheduled individuals.

Feb

The 09-10 Feb UTA was a Commander's Option. Just-in-time training was given to those individuals deploying on AEF. Sweep Team training and Drivers Training was conducted for those scheduled.

Mar

The 09-10 Mar UTA was a Commander's Option. Emphasis was placed on uninterrupted section training. Personnel Readiness Folders were reviewed.

Apr

The 13-14 Apr UTA was a Commander's Option. Emphasis was placed on uninterrupted section training.

May

The 04-05 May UTA was a Commander's Option. Emphasis was placed on uninterrupted section training.

Jun

The 8-9 June UTA was a Commander's option. Emphasis was placed on AFSC training. All other training/activities were held to a minimum.

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10-21 June Annual Field Training was split with portions of the unit deploying to Camp Rilea with the rest staying at home station for in-garrison training.

The Aug UTA, was conducted on 22-23 June and was a Commander's Option with **emphasis on AFT recovery and Fitness Testing.**

Jul

The 13-14 Jul UTA was a Commander's Option. An OSI Briefing was given on Sunday.

Sep

The 14-15 Sep UTA was a Commander's Option. **Family Day/Unit Picnic was held on Sunday 15 September at the Portland ANG Base.**

Oct

The 19-20 OCT UTA was a 36 Hour Exercise. Emphasis was placed on providing the necessary connectivity to various agencies to demonstrate our capability for a state emergency. Portions of the unit deployed to Salem, Oregon, to Mt. Livingston in Washington and to Eola Hills in Oregon, with a majority remaining in-garrison. The unit ran a satellite link to the reachback facility at Langley AFB, Virginia.

Nov

The 16-17 Nov UTA was a Commander's Option exclusively for Ancillary Training.

Dec

The 7-8 Dec UTA was a Commander's Option exclusively for Ancillary Training.