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1. Calender year 1967 was another period of growth, maturing, and service for the 21st Direct Support Group. January 1st, 1967, marked the end of the initial year of existence of the Group which has as its mission:

a. To provide Class I, III, and V supply support (except special weapons) to all US Army units in I Corps (Group).

b. To provide Class II and IV (less Medical, QM Air Delivery, ADPS/EAM and Cryptographic Items) supply support and services for all non-divisional units in I Corps (Group) area.

c. To provide direct support maintenance and repair parts (except missile, medical, ADPS/EAM, cryptographic, and special weapons) to all US non-divisional units in I Corps (Group) and FROKA area and backlog (overflow) direct support maintenance for the US divisions.

2. During CY 1967, the 21st Direct Support Group continued to improve the quality and effectiveness of its support to its many customer units. Through the efforts of closely linked battalion and group HQ staff, increased attention was devoted to the manner and procedures governing the conduct of support provided by the Group. In addition, studies were conducted to delineate from doctrinal sources the role of direct support groups in the overall support system in order to more clearly define the

range of responsibilities of the 21st Direct Support Group. These studies proved of great value in assisting higher headquarters in the preparation of formal operation and contingency plans and during various I Corps (Group) and Eighth Army exercises.

3. In August 1967, the Group welcomed a new commander. Colonel Harold W. Yount assumed command from Colonel Vincent F. Goodsell, who had commanded the 71st Ordnance Group (the predecessor of the 21st Direct Support Group) and was the first CO of the 21st Direct Support Group.

4. The 21st Direct Support Group participated in two important CPXs during 1967. One was a UNC/USFK (United Nations Command/US Forces Korea) exercise in October which involved a thorough testing of the Group's logistical procedures and tactical operations during simulated wartime conditions. The Group was visited on two occasions during this exercise by Brigadier General John K. McCormick, CG, Eighth US Army Support Command, who commented favorably on the Group's participation in the exercise. The Group also participated in an I Corps (Gp) exercise which preceded the UNC/USFK exercise. Group participation entailed a movement to the field of the HQ element of the Group where tactical and support activity was conducted. This exercise proved of great value in preparing for the command-wide CPX.

5. In late October and early November, the Group had its Annual Inspector General's inspection. An overall rating of SATISFACTORY was received with certain units receiving EXCELLENT ratings. The Group's units received a number of command and CMMI inspections during the year and generally achieved satisfactory ratings.
6. The 21st Direct Support Group continued a program of soldier and KATUSA of the month awards during 1967. These awards were presented to the soldier and KATUSA who demonstrated before a selection board outstanding knowledge and competence, as well as appearance. The Group vigorously supported various awards and suggestion campaigns, with particular emphasis on safety.
7. The Group was relieved in 1967 of the 199th Personnel Service Team, which relocated from Camp Mesler to Yongsan Compound.
8. The Group was conscious of its role in promoting good Korean/American relations during 1967. Favorable publicity was received for a unique English training class for local nationals employed in the HQ building. Various picnics and other events were conducted in order to improve relations and make friends for the United States. The Group continued its financial support of an orphanage, holding a party for the orphans during the Christmas season.
9. The 21st Direct Support Group was host to a number of important visitors during 1967. Included in this number were:

General Charles H. Bonesteel III, CG, Eighth US Army

General Ralph E. Haines, Jr., Asst CofS, US Army

Major General Leonard C. Silea, ODC SOPS, US Army

Major General Downy, ODC SOPER, US Army

LTG Vernon P. Mock, Deputy CG, Eighth US Army

LTG Harry H. Critz, CG, I Corps (Group)

Major General Walter M. Higgins, CofS, Eighth US Army

BG John K. McCormick, CG, Eighth US Army Support Command

SGM William O. Woodridge, US Army Sergeant Major

SGM Carl Griffin, Sergeant Major, Eighth US Army

SGM G. Williams, Sergeant Major, Eighth US Army Sup Cmd

10. The 21st Direct Support Group continues to accomplish its important mission of support to I Corps (Gp) - The Shield of Seoul, Korea.

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
21ST DIRECT SUPPORT GROUP
APO 96358**

1. On 1 January 1968, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 21st Direct Support Group, previously titled Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 71st Ordnance Group (Ammo), was organized under COSTAR II by TOE 20-202F and General Order 159, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, dated 27 December 1965 with an authorized strength of ten (10) Commissioned Officers, and 52 Enlisted personnel.

2. Commanding Officers, commanding Headquarters Company, 21st Direct Support Group during the period of this Annual Historical Supplement with periods of command are as follows:

- a. William H. Norton, 1LT, Infantry, 1 Jan 67 to 15 Jun 67
- b. Robert B. Dodek, 1LT, SigC, 15 Jun 67 to 31 Dec 67

3. US personnel assigned strength for the period covering the beginning and the ending of the period are as follows:

- a. 1 Jan 67 - 4 Comm Off, 53 EM
- b. 31 Dec 67 - 7 Comm Off, 45 EM

4. KATUSA personnel attached for the period covered showing the beginning and the ending of the period are as follows:

- a. 1 Jan 67 - 17 KATUSA attached
- b. 31 Dec 67 - 23 KATUSA attached

5. Inspections and tests completed during the period of this report are as follows:

a. FY 68 Annual General Inspection 9 November 1967

Rating: Satisfactory

b. EASCOM CMMI 7 September 1967

Rating: Unsatisfactory

c. EASCOM CMMI 16 October 1967

Rating: Satisfactory

d. 21st Direct Support Group ORT/ATT 24 August 1967

Rating: Combat Ready

e. 21st Direct Support Group Command Inspection 18 March 1967

Rating: Satisfactory

6. Road marches (6 Miles) as required by TC 20-1, HQ, Eighth US Army, were conducted on the following dates with participation as indicated:

a. 23 August 1967 58 personnel completed march

b. 18 November 1967 58 personnel completed march

7. Physical Combat Proficiency Tests were conducted on the following dates:

a. 24 May 1967

b. 2 December 1967

8. A Weapon Qualification and Familiarization Test for the entire unit was conducted on the following date:

30 October 1967

9. Visitors: None