

21st Direct Support Gp

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1. Calendar Year 1968 was another period of growth, maturity, and service for the 21st Direct Support Group. December 31, 1968 marked the end of the 3rd year of the existence of the 21st Direct Support Group which has as its mission:

a. Provide direct support to the US non-divisional units in the I Corps (Gp) and First ROK Army areas.

b. Provide limited general support to the US divisional units in the I Corps (Gp) and First ROK Army areas.

c. Provide limited direct support to the specified ROK Army units.

2. During Calendar Year 1968, the 21st Direct Support Group continued to improve its function of support to the Corps. The Battalion Commanders functioned as a part of the Group Headquarters through September when they were released from this dual role. A supply service and maintenance division was established as the Group Staff to replace the Directorates of Supply and Maintenance.

3. In July, 21st Direct Support Group was given an Eighth Army Command Inspection and was rated Satisfactory at its conclusion by Lieutenant General Mock. In August, HQs & HQs Company, 21st DSG and the two Battalion Headquarters participated in an ORT administered by Eighth FASCOM. The Group was given a Combat Readiness rating of excellent.

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- 4. The 21st Direct Support Group participated in Eighth Army CPX, Focus Lens, in October and gained practical experience in the relocation and operation in the field. General Holm, Commanding General, Eighth Field Army Support Command, visited 21st Direct Support Group while at its field location and commented favorably on the operation.**
- 5. On August 20, 1968, 4th Finance Detachment was released from attachment to 21st DSG. No other unit changes were made during Calendar Year 1968.**
- 6. In September, Colonel Earl L. Harper was assigned Group Commander, replacing Colonel Harold W. Yount.**
- 7. The Group conducted a Command Inspection of all units during each six month period, which helped maintain a high state of operational readiness and evaluate mission accomplishment.**
- 8. The 21st Direct Support Group has continued emphasizing several programs. Of particular note is the safety program which has gained favorable comment from higher headquarters. Other programs of note are the Cold War Program and Soldier and KATUSA of the Month Awards.**
- 9. The 21st Direct Support Group was host to the following persons during 1968:**
 - Lieutenant General Vernon P. Mock, Deputy Commanding General, Eighth Army.**
 - Lieutenant General William P. Yarborough, Commanding General, I Corps (Gp).**
 - MG John A. Goshorn, Commanding General, USARJ.**
 - BG John K. McCormick, Commanding General, Eighth FASCOM (Farewell visit)**

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BG George P. Holm, Commanding General, Eighth FASCOM.

BG C. H. Johnson, G4, Eighth US Army.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 21ST DIRECT SUPPORT GROUP
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1. On 1 January 1966, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 21st Direct Support Group previously titled Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 71st Ordnance Group (ammo) was organized under COSTAT II by TOE 29-302F 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 men.

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. Robert B. Dedeck	1LT SigC	1 Jan 68	to 18 Feb 68
b. Holm M. Crowley	1LT TC	19 Feb 68	to 14 Dec 68
c. Hugh M. Hyatt	1LT OrdC	15 Dec 69	to 31 Dec 68

3. U.S. personnel assigned strength for the period covered showing the beginning and the end of the period are as follows:

a.	1 Jan 68 -	7 Comm Off, 45 EM
b.	31 Dec 68 -	10 Comm Off, 38 EM

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

a.	1 Jan 68 -	(17) KATUSA Attached
b.	31 Dec 68 -	(23) KATUSA Attached

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

a.	FY 69 Annual General Inspection 25 Nov 68	RATING: Satisfactory
b.	FASCOM-COMI 5 Dec 68	RATING: Satisfactory
c.	21st Direct Support Group Command Inspection	RATING: Satisfactory
d.	21st Direct Support Group CRT/ATT 15&16 Aug 68	RATING: Combat Ready
e.	Exercise Focus Lens 16 Oct 68 to 23 Oct 68	RATING: Combat Ready

Dead Marches (6 mile) as required by TC 20-1, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, were conducted on the following dates participation as indicated:

- a. 3 June 1968 48 personnel completed march
- b. 23 July 1968 40 personnel completed march
- c. 1 November 1968 42 personnel completed march

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

- a. 4 May 1968 39 personnel passed
- b. 18 December 1968 35 personnel passed

8. Weapons Qualification and familiarisation test for the entire unit was conducted on the following date:

- a. 25 October 1968

9. Accomplishments: None

10..Visitors: None