

# Fort Riley, Kansas



LTC  
GIOIOSA,

.... WELCOME  
TO THE 97TH



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97th Engr Bn (Const) Change of Command Ceremony



L-R: Commander of Troops, LTC Gioiosa, LTC Dupont, COL Rufsvold, Bn Color Guard





Change of Command, January 1969  
 97th Engineer Battalion (Const), Fort Riley, Kansas  
 L-R: LTC Albert Dupont, outgoing Commander, 97th  
 COL Roberty M. Rufsvold, Commander, 138th Engineer Group  
 LTC Thomas E. Gioiosa, incoming Commander, 97th  
 CSM Lee G. Eckert



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Change of Command Ceremony, January 1969, Fort Riley, Kansas  
 LTC Dupont leaning forward to shake the hands with LTC Gioiosa,  
 while COL Robert Rufsvold looks on (back to camera)  
 SMAJ Echard left of group

LTC Gioiosa's wife, Ruth,  
 and their three children

## CO, 97<sup>TH</sup> ENGR BN – LTC THOMAS E GIOIOSA

The new commanding officer of the 97<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn, Ft Riley, is LTC Thomas E Gioiosa who has just graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA.

LTC Gioiosa began his active Army career in 1953 when he received his commission through the Reserve Officer Tng Corps at Clemson College, Clemson, SC. He attended the Engr Officer Basic Course at Ft Belvoir, VA, before serving with the 11<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn in Korea as a platoon leader, company commander, and assistant S-3 (Plans and Operations) Officer.

From 1955 through 1956 he was assigned to the Corps of Engr in Huntington, WV, with duty station at Greenup, KY. In Jun 57, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in Rolla.

He returned to Ft Belvoir in 1958-59 as a student in the Engr Officer Advanced Course. After completing the school, he served as Co Cmdr, S-2 (Intelligence) and S-3 Officer of the 78<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn in Karlsruhe, Germany.

In 1962, LTC Gioiosa returned to Clemson College as a Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructor and while stationed there, he completed the work on his Masters Degree in Civil Engineering.

In 1965, the LTC was assigned as the Engr Staff Officer for the HQ's Commandant, Military Advisory Command, Vietnam (MACV). Returning to the United States he served as the engineer staff officer for the Army Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, CO, until 1968 when he was assigned to the Armed Forces Staff College.

LTC Gioiosa has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

He and his wife, Ruth, reside at 14B Forsyth Ave, Ft Riley, with their three children, Ginny, age 12; Tommy, age 10; and Anne, age 8.

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## LTC GIOIOSA ADDRESSES THE 97<sup>TH</sup>

As most of you know I just assumed command of the 97<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn (Const) a little over a month ago. Time sure passes quickly. I've already had one week TDY to Sandia Base, NM and this week, I'm on a Post General Court, so don't you gripe about "details," we all get them.

I know everyone is looking forward to the forthcoming construction season and completing the projects the Bn has already started. One big problem is our shortage of trained engineer personnel. There have been many suggestions to solve the problem; however, it looks as though our ranks will be filled with other than engineer trained personnel. This means that we will not only have to accomplish our assigned tasks, but to do so with unskilled engineers in our engineer MOS's. I know I can count on you men to accomplish this task in the true spirit of our Bn motto: "No Task Too Great."

I wish to take this opportunity to express a personal note, and that is, how proud I am to be your Bn Cmdr. Every career engineer LTC looks forward to the time when he is given a Bn to command. I really consider my self-fortunate to be selected to command the 97<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn (Const). Regardless of where or what assignments I will get, or have had in the past, this Bn already has a special place, a place of prominence. I hope and trust that each of you feel the same way or at least feel this way when you sit around and reminisce with your buddies about Army experiences.

Well, we have our work cut out for us: a new (rock surfaced) POV Parking lot, A Co Motor Pool, tank trails, prefab buildings, battalion area beautification, combat-in towns and training to keep us busy.

Oh, by the way, Miss "A's" picture was supposed to be on the cover, but the censor (unnamed) substituted; sorry 'bout that!

LTC Thomas Gioiosa

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### NCO'S HONOR LTC DUPONT

By SGM Joseph Shehan

On 3 Feb 69, LTC & Mrs Dupont were guests of honor at a Farewell Party given by the NCO's and their wives at the NCO Open Mess. LTC Dupont was expecting his successor LTC Gioiosa to drive him and his wife to the Club, but somehow the mode of transportation was the Bn ambulance with driver and two acting medics. Upon arrival at the Club, the medics and two NCO's placed the COL on a stretcher and carried him into the main ballroom to ensure his safe arrival. A cocktail hour was held and during this time the NCO's and their wives had a change to say "Adieu" to the Dupont family and hello to LTC & Mrs Gioiosa.

After an enjoyable dinner SGM Shehan presented LTC Dupont with a scrap book of photo's with gag remarks for each picture, two cartoons of appropriate comedy situations which he was involved in, and a brief case for carrying snake bite medicine. Mrs Dupont was presented a floral centerpiece of beautiful red and white flowers. LTC Dupont then threw away his formal speech and with lumps in his throat gave the NCO's his thanks for their support during his 17 months with the Bn. The rest of the evening included dancing and singing by SSG Moses of HHC and SSG McCombs of Co D who sang some of their favorite songs.

Our best wishes go with LTC Dupont on his new assignment in Vietnam and especially for the time he will spend in school prior to departure.

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## EDITORIAL PAGE

Any responsible individual or individuals working eight hours per day, 5 ½ days per week obviously need a certain amount of motivation if any degree of efficiency is expected. What is motivation? Psychologists, industry management, and personnel experts have written thousands of volumes concerning individual and/or group motivation. Theories vary widely. There are, however, certain motivation factors that are generally agreed upon. Among the more prominent are: 1) Recognition, 2) sense of purpose, and 3) reward; in that order. For my purposes I would like to concentrate on “sense of purpose,” and more specifically, how it applies to us: the men of the 97<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.

Our purpose, or mission as the Army prefers, is then obviously known by each individual within the Bn. Or is it? I have spent some time lately in an investigation to find the number of personnel that actually know our mission.

As of this writing there are 636 individuals within the 97<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn. Questioning each would be impractical, if not impossible, so that only a random sampling were asked if they knew our mission. The following replies were solicited from Officers, NCO'S, and EM. Our mission is:

- “to ready ourselves for construction projects and to support the 138<sup>th</sup>.”
- “training, for a possible future reassignment to Europe.”
- “to maintain combat readiness, construction readiness, and support of the 138<sup>th</sup>.”
- “we got it written on a chart somewhere”
- “support of the 138<sup>th</sup> Gp and...oh, I don't know, ask @\*%&#\$ over there.”

Most are agreed that our mission, to some extent, includes support of the 138<sup>th</sup>. Then what is their mission? Another reply: “Coordination and control of the 97<sup>th</sup>, 83<sup>rd</sup>, 541<sup>st</sup> and 265<sup>th</sup>.” That is nice to know. Is our mission then to support them,

and theirs to control us? Is that a sense of purpose?

Or maybe we have 636 different missions as I'm sure if each individual were asked our mission, I would have received 636 different answers.

Or.....maybe our mission is to find a mission.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Over the pass few weeks I have noticed reserved parking places sprouting like weeds in the HHC parking area. The reason for this recent policy was furnished our Co Cmdr in a recent company formation as being the old Army harangue, RHIP (Rank Has It's Privileges). This explanation has been considered less than adequate by the vast majority of those involved. Not having a POV, I feel that I can present the facts as they exists without bias. They are as follows:

1. There is now one parking spot left unreserved for which approximately ten people, who live in the barracks and have POV's, must compete. At the same time all but one of the people who have reserved spots are living off post.
2. There are only four parking spots that belong to people who work in the company area, the other individuals with a reserved space are in sections in different areas. Why do these people need reserved spots in the company area instead of at their sections?
3. The Motor SGT and Commo SGT have reserved spots and don't even own cars.
4. If this is a reward for people who assume responsibility I must ask, “Responsibility for what?” Some of these people are in charge of sections that are at best barely functioning. In addition, I have been told by Officers and NCO's alike that there are a good many SP4's and SP5's that have assumed a good deal of responsibility and worked hard for this unit for a long time

and especially during the much heralded REFORGER Operation. Some of the NCO's that have been rewarded with reserved spots weren't in the unit during these outstanding missions.

5. Nine out of 10 of the troops who have POV's are required every night to park a block from their barracks in an unguarded parking lot. This leaves their cars as prey for vandalism, gas siphoning and theft.
6. The last, but probably most pertinent, fact is a Ft Riley regulation that states "The Post Engineer is responsible for fabrication and erection of reserved parking signs requested by cmdrs/activity chiefs and approved by the Provost Marshal." (FM 190-2 PARA 5WL0). It further gives authorization for only two spots for a company level unit. This makes it quite clear that the parking situation at HHC is not only unfair but in complete contradiction to Ft Riley regulation.

In conclusion, it must be stated that this letter is not to be taken as an ultimatum but as a forum for consolidating the views I have heard expressed by different individuals throughout the company.

SP5 Ronald D Gillespie, HHC

(02/03-01-69.jpg: D Co finishes construction project.)

(02/03-02-69.jpg: B Co's recent promotions.)

### CHAIN OF COMMAND

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1LT Nance  
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### ACE'S HOLE

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In local sports, HQ's Co, 97<sup>th</sup>, was defeated by HQ's Co 138<sup>th</sup>, for the Camp Forsyth Volleyball Championship. However, HHC, 97<sup>th</sup>, has won two straight playoff games for the Post (Co level) Tournament. HHC, 138<sup>th</sup>, on to greater things, so that HHC, 97<sup>th</sup>, might meet them again, and certainly avenge their previous defeat by virtue of coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Bn Volleyball League, A Co, 97<sup>th</sup>, is also represented in the Post Volleyball Tournament. As everyone from the Head Shed will testify, A Co is always high on spirit, but sometimes lacking in skill. Well not so for their volleyball team. After losing their first match at King Field House, A Co came back to win their second game and remain alive in the double elimination tourney.

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### B COMPANY PERSONNEL HONORED

Two members of Co B were recently notified of receipt of medals honoring them for service while station in Vietnam.

SP4 Golden was awarded the Army Commendation Certificate. His citation was signed by BG Curtis Chapman, CG, 20<sup>th</sup> Engr Bde and read in part "Who during the period 6 May 67 through 6 May 68, displayed an exceptional degree

of devotion to duty in support of Mil Engr Operations in Vietnam.

SP5 Mercado received the 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> clusters for the Air Medal and the 2<sup>nd</sup> award of the Army Commendation Medal. SP5 Mercado already has an impressive list of awards some of which include the Army Commendation Medal with clasp for valor, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart Award three times, the National Defense Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Paratroop Badge and Flight Wings.

The men of Co B are proud to have these two outstanding individuals serving with them and offer their congratulations to them for the awards received.

### B IS FOR BEST?

There has been some skepticism within the Bn lately about Co B's claim of being the best in the 97<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn. We thought the following facts may help to emphasize our point and hope they will convince everyone that B does mean Best.

Individuals from Co B were chosen as Soldier of the Quarter and NCO of the Quarter for the months of Oct, Nov & Dec 68 and Soldier of the Month and NCO of the month for Jan 69. SSG John C McBrayer was selected as NCO of the Quarter for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 1969 and SP4 James Wofford was selected as Soldier of the Quarter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 1969.

B Co has had a larger number of Supernumeraries on Guard Duty than any other company in the Bn (Check the duty log if you are not sure).

We were rated the best of all Engr Co's during the Gp Cmdr.'s inspection late last year and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> among all companies of the 138<sup>th</sup> Gp. (We also plan to be rated best on the upcoming IG Inspection).

Co B was awarded the Best Mess Award for Nov 68.

These are a few of the facts we have managed to accumulate so far, need we say more?

(Editor's Comment: The view expressed in the above article are solely those of the contributor and do not necessarily reflect those of the Editor).

### NEW PERSONNEL IN THE 97<sup>TH</sup> EBC

#### HHC

SP4 Thomas Nickerson	Palermo, ME
SP5 Robert Stuart	Melvindale, MI
SP4 Urban Keilman	Cedar Lake, IN
PFC John Davis	Phoenix, AZ
SP4 Walter Darmas	New Orleans, LA
SP5 Norman Agena	Waimanalo, HI
SP4 Thomas Gregory	Newton Grove, NC
SP4 Alan Foures	Los Angeles, CA
SP4 Kern Newton	Lake Ozarks, MO
PFC Frederick Alcorn	Philadelphia, PA
PFC David Caldwell	West Ashville, NC
PVT John Dobies	Warren, MI
PVT James West	Atlanta, GA
PVT Donald Cone	Slater, MO
PVT James Goetz	Falls Church, VA
PVT Ronald Riemersma	Coopersville, MI
CPL Marvin Easton	Clearwater, FL

#### A Co

SP4 Norman Fontaine	Providence, RI
SP4 Almer Burch	Pensacola, FL
SP4 Larry Middleton	Kansas City, MO
SP5 Ted Paul	Brewton, AL
SP5 Cintron Alverio	Yabucoa, PR
SP4 James Flick	Somerset, PA
SP6 Ralph Irvan	Crawford Co, AR
SSG Juan Torress-Rogena	San Anton, PR
SP5 Joe Bell	Meridian, MS
PFC Thomas Higgins	Lake George, NY
SP5 James Gaskin	Conley, GA
SP5 Dale Proessler	Cuba City, WI
SP5 Melvin Mayfield	Crockett, TX
SP4 James Stone	Hampton Beach,
NH	
SP4 Clarence Wysinger	San Francisco, CA



PFC John Vaughn	Arcadia, CA	SP5 Benjamin Mercado	Redlands, CA
SGT Richard Cyr	Windham, CT	SP4 Robert Wayland	Denver, CO
PVT Thomas Sutherland	East Rockaway, NY	PVT Juan Escarra	Miami, FL
PVT Walter Furr	Germantown, MD	PVT Larry Crutchfield	
PVT Richard Goodwin	Mt. Pleasant, SC	SP4 Joseph Hill	Arnold, MO
SP4 Rodney Veargin		PFC Pierce Jones	Washington, DC
PVT Ronald Babb		PVT Jonathan Serka	Gig Harbor, WA
SP5 Urias Noll	Fleetwood, PA		
PVT Donald Stoeckly	Lacrosse, WI	<u>C Co</u>	
SP5 Wayne Pecjak	Aurora, CO	SP4 Thomas Frazier	Millersburg, OH
PVT Cy Furman	Grandville, MI	SSG Alvin Hall	
PVT James Wilson	Grand Rapids, MI	PVT James Archard	Traverse City, MI
PVT Harry Moody	Skyland, NC	PVT Julius Paschal	Cleveland, OH
SP5 Charles Smith	Independence, MO	SP5 Charles Stier	Jordan, MN
PVT Dennis Thompson		PVT Andrew McGuire	Baltimore, MD
SGT George Conner	Oakland, MI	SP5 Nathaniel Pope	
SP5 Francis Searim	Perryville, MO	SP5 Thomas Phillip	Reedsville, WI
SP4 Lester Spillers	Leesville, LA	PVT Harvey Wyskowski	Vermontville, MI
CW2 Antonio DeJesus		SP4 Glenn Ford	Speosk, NY
PVT Richie Nuckols	Dunkirk, IN	SP5 Cleve Roberts	Charlotte, NC
PVT Ronald Poynter	Stanton, KY	SP5 Donald Anderson	Arnegard, ND
PVT David Denow	Ozaukee, WI	2LT Thomas Hays	
SP4 Chester Burelaw	Rosholt, WI	SP4 Lloyd Williams	
SP4 Samuel Roussell	Ozark, MO	SP4 Luis Genao	Bronx, NY
SP5 Kenneth Ahrenholtz	Defiance, IA	SP5 Callan Wilmot	Albuquerque, NM
SP5 Frank Key	Steelville, MO	CPL Thomas Charters	Nappanee, IN
SP5 Brian Sheridan	Baltimore, MD	PFC Duane Yuhas	Waukesha, WI
SP4 James Cunningham	Corpus Christie, TX	SSG Tomas Rivera-Zambrana	Coama, PR
		PVT Neal Kersey	Cincinnati, OH
<u>B Co</u>		PVT John Nesselroad	Memphis, TN
2LT David Canaday		SP5 Richard Ray	Creston, IA
SP5 Lewis Hamilton	John's Island, SC	SP5 James Larson	Ossian, IA
SP5 Dean Skinner	Fallon, NV	PFC Lester Welch	Butler, PA
SSG Otis Rowland	Indianola, MS	SP4 Bastil Hairston	Winston-Salem, NC
PVT Darrell Hatfield	Coal Mountain, WV	SP4 Allen Kawasaki	Honolulu, HI
PVT Gary Bothwell	Cedar Rapids, IA	SP5 Jimi Asti	Milwaukee, WI
SP4 David Samples	Prucious, WV	SP4 Ralph Glasgow	Chula Vista, CA
PVT Jeffrey Gabrielson	Pasadena, MD	PFC William Harris	
PVT Adam Smith		PFC Jackie Belcher	Madisonville, TN
PVT Donald Rich II	Bradford, PA	SP4 Leroy Brink	Ford City, PA
SP4 Charles Siple	Chester, PA	PFC Larry Broadfield	
SP4 Allen Hickey		PVT Lawrence Hartwig	Wright City, MD
SP4 Edward Morris	Detroit, MI	PVT Michael Davison	Detroit, MI
SGT Thomas White, Jr	Washington, DC	SSG William Todd	Hernando, MS

D Co

PVT Clyde Bass, Jr  
SP4 Kenneth Cross  
SP4 Joe Lee  
SP4 Chris Jenkins  
PVT James Boyer  
PVT Joe Richards  
SP4 Wesley Butte  
SP4 Phillip Mxson  
SP4 Robert Lambert  
PVT Paul Mulvee  
SP5 Orman Campbell  
PVT Alfred Walker  
SP5 Emmett Taylor  
PFC James Vann, Jr  
PFC Daniel Trevino  
SP5 Wayne Troy  
PVT Dennis McCleary  
PVT Teddy Nicholson  
SFC Orville Dunn  
PVT Dallas Reedy  
SP4 Roy Mickey  
PVT David Johnson  
PVT Darrell Wilks  
PFC Robert Porter  
PVT Robert Koch  
PVT William Williams  
PVT Do Kang Wong  
SP4 Curtis Jones  
SP5 David Alessi  
SP5 Jerry Halda  
PVT Garry Smith  
SP4 Michael Bramel  
SP4 Robert Parnitke  
PVT George Vanek  
SP4 Al Epps  
PVT Afanual Miller, Jr  
PFC Van Lowe

Princeton, IL  
Pawtucket, RI  
Blackshear, GA  
Lynn, MA  
Waterman, PA  
Wheaton, MD  
St Paul, MN  
Santa Clara, CA  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Dorchester, MA  
Builford, ME  
Cleveland, OH  
Chicago, IL  
Williamston, NC  
  
Wichita, KS  
Miami, OK  
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Lake Charles, LA  
Cuyahola Falls, OH  
Albany, GA  
Tampa, FL  
Gardena, CA  
Coolidge, TX  
Schenectady, NY  
Demoine, IA  
Toppenish, WA  
Springfield, MO  
Lockport, IL  
Omaha, NE  
Charleston Hts, SC  
Flint, MI  
St Paul, MN

SFC Earl Dority  
SGT John King  
SP5 Richard Brown  
SP5 John Burge  
SP5 Gary Burnette  
SP5 James Dyson  
SP5 James Russell  
SP5 Robin Shaoul  
SP5 Gilgert Stockinger  
SP5 Sol Valez  
SP5 Norman Viens  
SP4 Jerry Carpenter  
SP4 James Hawk  
PFC Fred Alcorn  
PFC Frank Ortega

A Co - TO

SGT Billy Kirtley  
SP5 Arthur Koen, Jr  
SP5 Terry Hirte  
SP4 Ronald Duncan  
SP4 Larry Gardner  
SP4 John Vaughn  
PFC Robert Rich  
PFC Richard Owens  
PFC Milton Bonilla  
PVT Walter Furr  
PVT Donald Stoeckly  
PVT James Wilson  
PVT Richard Goodwin  
PVT Thomas Mullen  
PVT Dennis Thompson

B Co - TO

SFC Adolph Anders  
SGT Eddy Thornton  
SGT James Dobyns  
SP5 Gregory Russell  
SP5 Robert Dowe  
SP5 Larry Dow  
SP5 Warren Pittman  
SP5 Joseph Rickert  
SP5 Virgil Burcham  
SP5 Thomas Iams

PROMOTIONS

HHC - TO

WO2 Richard Henry

SP4 Martin Burgio  
SP4 Brent Hatch  
SP4 Thomas Seifert  
PFC Jimmy Folks  
PFC Donald Rich, II  
PFC Adam Smith

C Co – TO

SP5 Robert McFatridge  
SP5 Larry Wallace  
SP5 Randy Dollins  
SP5 Gerald Williams  
PFC Floyd King  
PVT Neal Kersey  
PVT Gersham Lewis

D Co – TO

SP5 Larry Allen  
SP5 Lynville Brumley  
SP5 James Duttonhefer  
SP5 Charles Bradly  
SP5 Thomas Reeder  
SP5 Kenneth Cross  
SP5 James Mann  
SP5 Phillip Cling

SP5 Alfred Tetreault  
SP5 Rodney Brown  
PFC Robert Walker  
PFC Dave Glaim  
PFC Elmer Liddle

**B COMPANY CONSTRUCTION**

By 1LT Mark Wehrspann, B Co

The Earthmoving Platoon of B Co is presently at work constructing and improving tank trails northwest of Custer Hill troop area. Present construction involves secondary clearing and fording sites over existing ravines. The project is being supervised by SSG Otis Rowland, SSG Timothy Little, SSG John Wilson, and 1LT Mark Wehrspann. The enlisted personnel of the platoon are eager to do the “BEST” job possible and morale is high. Projects such as this are the type that a construction battalion looks forward to and the 97<sup>th</sup> is no exception.

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