

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
100th MEDICAL DETACHMENT (VET SERV) (TEAM JA)
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HISTORICAL SUMMARY

I. On December 5, 1942, the 100th MEDICAL DETACHMENT, then known as Veterinary Section "1", was activated at Fort Bliss Texas. It was assigned to the 251st Quartermaster Remount Depot, in Queensland, Australia until June 1943, then to the 61st Quartermaster Pack Troop until September 1943. The Detachment, consisting of one officer and four enlisted soldiers, had the responsibilities for the animal care of the Quartermaster units, and as contrasted to the mission of today's veterinary units, had very little to do with food inspection. However, in February 1944, this same unit was reassigned to the officer of the surgeon, Brisbane, Australia to inspect meat and dairy products in the Brisbane area. Seven months later, Veterinary Section "1" was redesignated the 100th Medical Composite Section (Food Inspection). Its name was again changed in December 1944 to the 100th Veterinary Food Inspection Detachment, and was commanded by a 1LT, VC with four enlisted soldiers, none of whom, as it was reported in December 1944, had contracted Venereal Disease. During March 1945, the 100th was again relocated, to Moratai Island, Netherlands East Indies to support the 93rd Quartermaster Class 1 Dump. This involved the inspection of food arriving at the ship yard prior to issue. Things wound down during the year 1945, in that by December, the unit consisted of one Officer and one Enlisted Soldier, both of whom happily departed from the Island on 26 December 1945 for the Phillipines in preparation for Deactivation and going home.

II. There are no entries in local files between 1945 and December 1959. The 100th Medical Detachment, in 1959, was assigned to the 33rd Station Hospital at the U.S. Army Port of Embarkation, Bremerhaven, West Germany. During the year, the unit inspected approximately 72 million pounds of subsistence during storage, 12 million pounds of what we now call class 8, 16 million pounds of class 4 and approximately 29 million pounds of what we call class 1 and 2.

III. 1972 ended a relatively stable period of time for the 100th, in April of that year, the unit was again relocated, this time to the 56th General Hospital at Bad Kreuznach, West Germany. It was responsible for the food inspection and animal care in a geographical area of responsibility under the then Bad Kreuznach MEDDAC. The 99th Medical Detachment VS JA was, at the time, stationed in Baumholder. This arrangement did not last long, for in June 1976, the Flag moved again, to the 97th General Hospital in Wiesbaden, and included the communities of Mainz, Finthen, and Wachenheim. The mission included both food inspection and animal care.

IV. In July 1980, came yet another change, as part of the reorganization of USAREUR Veterinary Units, under Project Forward. Several Veterinary JA teams in the European theatre were relocated to consolidate groups of three teams to form the basis for making one Veterinary JB team. The 100th thus moved from Wiesbaden to Vogelweh, teaming up with the 64th Medical Detachment VS JB and the 99th Medical Detachment VS JA.

V. The mission of the 100th at the time was two fold: h

a. To support the food inspection mission in the military communities of Zweibrücken, Pirmasens, and Fischbach, and to provide Class 5 and 9 inspection functions for the Prepositioned War Stocks of Class 1 items in this geographical area.

b. To train for and prepare to move out on short notice as the Veterinary Component of the 7th Medical Command Natural Disaster Contingency Medical Force.

VI. In order to more effectively accomplish the 100th's food inspection mission it was decided that the unit should move to the Pirmasens Military community. In June 1983, the search for a suitable location began. Finally in November 1983, sufficient space was made available in the Muenchweiler Hospital building, Muenchweiler Federal Republic of Germany. The units functions, files, and equipment were moved to Muenchweiler in February 1984. The unit flag was moved to Muenchweiler on August 15 1984.

VII. On September 10 1990 all assigned soldiers of the 100th Medical Detachment Vet Serv Team JA were deployed to Saudi Arabia as MST-C, 483rd Med Det VS JA. The soldiers of the 100th supported the 24th ID (MECH), 101st AB DIV, 3rd ACR, 1st ACR, 3rd ID, 82nd AB DIV, Coalition Air Force, U.S. Navy, 1st Marine Expeditionary force and several other Headquarters and Support commands with food inspection, sanitation advice, and MWD care. These and other missions took the soldiers of the 100th to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Kuwait, and Iraq.

IX. On 3 March 1991 the soldiers (with the exception of one who was serving as a aid to the theatre Veterinarian) of the 100th Deployed into Kuwait City.

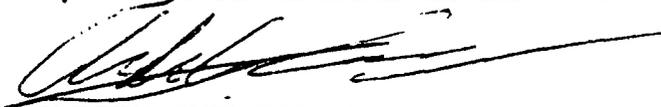
X. 30 May 1991 was a very happy day for the soldiers of the 100th, for they redeployed to Germany. One soldier did remain in the Saudi Arabian theatre until 11 September 1991.

XI. While the 100th's flag did not deploy to the Gulf, the 100th was recognized by the theatre Vet as his most adaptable and efficient team.

XII. In January 1992 the 100th began preparing for the change from a JA team to a AF team, one more step in a long and distinguished history.

XIII. The 100th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Team JA has for its motto these simple words:

REMEMBER WERE WE HAVE BEEN
REMEMBER WHAT WE HAVE DONE
REMEMBER, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN'T DO!



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