



Veterinary Services Europe 100th Medical Detachment (VS HQ)



Unit History

The 100th Medical Detachment, then known as Veterinary Section "1", was activated on 5 December 1942 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Its first assignment was with the 251st Quartermaster Remount Depot in Queensland, Australia. The detachment consisting of one officer and four enlisted soldiers, had responsibility for animal care until February 1944, then was reassigned to the Office of the Surgeon in Brisbane, Australia. The unit Detachment "1" became the 100th Veterinary Food Inspection Detachment. The detachment moved to Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, in March 1945 and deactivated in December 1945.

The unit was later reactivated as the 100th Medical Detachment, Veterinary Service, Team JA. In December 1959, the unit was assigned to the 33rd Station Hospital and inspected subsistence at the U.S. Army Port of Embarkation in Bremerhaven, Germany. In April 1972, it relocated to Bad Kreuznach, Germany. There it had responsibility for both animal care and food inspection. The flag moved again in June 1976 to the 97th General Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany. Later, under Project Forward, it moved from Wiesbaden to Vogelweh. In 1984, the 100th moved to Muenchweiler with a continuing mission of Food Safety and Animal Care.

More recently, on 10 September 1990, personnel from the unit deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of the 483rd Medical Detachment, Veterinary Service, in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. They provided food inspection support, advice on food hygiene and sanitation, and military working dog care to the 3rd Infantry Division, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, and the 1st and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiments, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. They performed these missions not only in Saudi Arabia, but also in Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Kuwait, and Iraq. The last soldier from the 100th Medical Detachment left Southwest Asia and returned to Germany on 11 September 1991.

On 16 July 1992, in Heidelberg, Germany, the 100th Medical Detachment became the first active component Veterinary Service Headquarters to provide command and control of veterinary service units located throughout the European Command's Area of Operations.