

1199th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

MOLESWORTH, ENGLAND

1942-1945

The 1199th Military Police Company, commanded by 1Lt Francis R. Gorman, was responsible for maintaining a constant patrol to guard the aircraft and look for suspicious persons or activities. They provided Base perimeter patrol, and were responsible for all of the entry gates to the station. They furnished guards at briefings and conducted interrogations to keep out unauthorized personnel.

Prior to the formation of the 1199th Military Police Company, the responsibility of guarding the base and provided patrol and visitor control was assigned to the Provost Marshal, Captain **Frank M. Jones**. Men from the various Bomb Squadrons served as military police and patrol and visitor control at the gates. Sometime in early 1944, the 1199th Military Police Company was organized and trained military police specialists arrived at Molesworth. They took over the functions conducted by the Provost Marshal. Many of the men who had served as military policeman from the Bomb Squadrons were transferred out of Molesworth.



(L-R) PFCs Eugene M. Blackburn, Micho R. Rodriguez, Paul O. Harmon



On special occasions, such as the visit of high-ranking officers or the Royal Family, the Company furnished highly efficient guards-of-honor, demonstrating just how military an American soldier can be and, at the same time, furnishing real protection to the visitor.

The low accident rate on Molesworth was directly attributed to the manner in which the Military Police enforced traffic regulations, and prevented absent-minded jeep drivers from wondering in front of taxiing or landing Fortresses.

The 1199th Military Police Company was organized and assigned to Molesworth in March 1944. In April 1945, it became a part of the 425th Air Service Group and was assigned to the Headquarters and Base Services Squadron.

Horace B. **Jenson** 1199th MP Company related an incident while on duty: On a foggy night, I was on guard duty with a buddy. A 2nd Lieutenant was Officer of the Day, perhaps his first effort. He approached us and I challenged him. He said, "Aren't there supposed to be two guards on this post?" I said, "Of course there are two of us." I shined my light to the ground where I thought my buddy was lying down, but he wasn't there. I looked back to the lieutenant, and there was my buddy with his M-1 about six inches from the O.D.'s face. The lieutenant almost jumped out of his jump suit.



(Back L-R) Samuel Frum, unknown, Eugene Blackburn, others unknown
 (Front L-R) Robert Fisher, James G. Anderson, Paul O. Harmon, Micho Rodriguez, others unknown

1199th MILITARY POLICE PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>
Acquista, Salavatore J	Pfc	32786529	Military Policeman
Akers, Arthur	Pfc	39854816	Military Policeman
Anderson, James G	T/5	35649438	Military Policeman
Anderson, Richard T	Pfc	36425174	Military Policeman
Barnes, Floyd E	T/5	37494714	Military Policeman
Birdsall, Thomas W	Cpl	31281737	Automotive Mechanic
Blackburn, Eugene M	Pfc	35424847	Military Policeman
Bruex, Victor J	Pfc	36801727	Military Policeman
Bumpus, George F	Pfc	31294574	Military Policeman
Camic, Joe Z	Pfc	35701184	Military Policeman
Casperson, William J	Pfc	16089915	Military Policeman

Davenport, James D	Pvt	15082614	Military Policeman
Davis, Clarence M	Pfc	35657006	Military Policeman
Dennis, Thomas S	T/5	33634169	Military Policeman
Dennistron, George P	Pfc	35799476	Military Policeman
Edwards, Albert C	Pvt	19146845	Military Policeman
Estes, William T	Pfc	33193402	Military Policeman
Fisher, Robert W	T/Sgt	6249089	NCOIC Military Police Company
Frum, Samuel	Pfc	12145989	Military Policeman
Gallion, Paul L	Sgt	37410307	Military Policeman NCO
Gorman, Francis R	1Lt	0584980	Commanding Officer
Greaves, Harold P	Pfc	39035668	Military Policeman
Hanks, Lloyd	Pfc	39414739	Military Policeman
Harmon, Paul O	Pfc	33242769	Military Policeman
Jenson, Horace B	Sgt		Military Policeman
Jones, Frank M	Capt	0386839	Commanding Officer
Keene, Rupert C	Pfc	34409846	Military Policeman
Klabe, Milton L	Pfc	36301626	Military Policeman
Lagermann, Leslie A	Unk	36828193	Military Policeman
Menzynski, Edward F	Cpl	32795981	Administrative Clerk/typist
Miller, Jack W	Sgt	33454791	Administrative NCO
Montano, Paschal J	Pfc	36724573	Military Policeman
Natti, Robert H	Sgt	31295927	Administrative NCO
Nelson, Thurston T	T/5	34398974	Military Policeman
O'Toole, Martin J	Pvt	33678483	Military Policeman
Olinger, Almos S	Pfc	33678417	Military Policeman
Ramos, Romeo E	Pvt	18200684	Military Policeman
Rantone, Bruno	T/5	31259599	Supply Clerk
Reasoner, Arnold	Sgt	18000478	Military Policeman NCO
Reeves, William M	Pfc		Military Policeman
Rendon, Rudolph T	Sgt		Military Policeman
Robertson, James L	Pfc	34584103	Military Policeman
Rodriguez, Micho R	Pfc	38435844	Military Policeman
Sampson, Franklin O	Pfc	35752553	Military Policeman
Sathoff, Elmer W	Pfc	33199547	Military Policeman
Sczesny, Benjamin F	Pfc	35057602	Military Policeman
Seagraves, Howard W	Pfc	34766791	Military Policeman
Silvey, William	Sgt	38008605	Military Policeman NCO
Sotelo, Ernesto N	Pfc	38440006	Military Policeman
Spavale, Sam S	Cpl	37368145	Military Policeman
Starkey, Claude A	Pvt	6921018	Military Policeman
Starnes, Clarence G	Pfc	38436543	Truck Driver, Light
Tullos, Howard E	Pfc	38430693	Military Policeman
Walter, Louis J	Pfc	16097774	Military Policeman
Wilson, Melvin R	T/4	34366677	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Wood, Donald H	S/Sgt	6262957	Military Policeman NCO