

PIPELINE OF MILITARY LOGISTICS

AFP SUPPLY CENTER



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On a sprawling site on the rolling plains of Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, is located the supply center of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, more commonly known as the AFP Supply Center.

Sitting on this site are some twenty buildings, sixteen warehouses, nine shops and organic equipment worth 25 million pesos. The AFP Supply Center, the biggest support unit of the armed services, marks its 8th anniversary today with simple ceremonies.

Starting humbly as an AFP general depot on

Jan. 17, 1951 with about 203 officers and men charged with receiving, storing and issuing common items of supply and equipment, it had since burgeoned into the organization that it is today.

An integrated base shop was added on March 1, 1954 manned by seven officers and eight enlisted men to restore to full utility the AFP's worn-out equipment and run down vehicles.

Fifteen Units

The merging of the general depot and the base shop in 1962, saw the birth of the AFP Supply Center. Included in this merger were fifteen

Philippine Army units together with its personnel strength of 284 officers, 2,359 enlisted men and 537 civilian employees.

The AFP Supply Center is capable of rebuilding 2.3 vehicles every shift daily; maintain 6.0 engines during two shifts a day; fabricate 1,000 units monthly on three shifts; transport 600,000 PKM and 400,000 TKM monthly plus its other capabilities in procurement of local and overseas items including a machinery to dispose of common items.

The Supply Center is adequately equipped for any item with its 16 open, covered, temperature-controlled and underground warehouses.

Simplification

While the Center, in keeping with the advances in military operations and economy in logistics has simplified the supply system of the AFP, it has also strung up an unenviable record in its seven-year existence. Last year, it has rebuilt major end items and 530 run-down vehicles, engineering and signal equipment, armaments and quartermaster items amounting to over 4.9 million pesos.

The center also produced 7,402 units of the Marcos pre-fabricated school buildings amounting to over 1.3 million pesos. Its Ammo Reloading Plant was responsible for renovating assorted rounds of ammunition

with a total value of over 1.4 million pesos.

Aside from these, the Center has transported more than 94,000 military and civilian persons at the cost of over 1.9 million pesos; and hauled some 140,000 tons of general cargo at the cost of over P.99 million.

Inventory

As additional accomplishments for the past year, it has completed a wall-to-wall inventory of assets amounting to 61 million pesos; received a total shipment of P13-31 million in supplies and P20.91 million in equipment; disposed materials and equipment with a book value of Military Aid Program of P.830 million and Republic of the Philippines of P0.004 million.

It has also procured 20 million pesos worth of local and overseas supplies and equipment.

Lately the Center has launched "Operations MYL" and "Operations Caribou" which were responsible in advancing the socio-economic program of the present administration. During an emergency or a calamity in any part of the country, the Center's directorate for transportation or quartermaster truck battalion speedily dispatches vehicles to stricken areas.

One of the recent projects of the Center is the making of bullet shells out of old cannon shells of pre-war vintage. This means that should there be a shortage of the supply of empty shells, the

Ammo Reloading Plant could still produce bullets to meet the requirements of the AFP personnel. The ammo plant is under the supervision of P. B. Dionisio, a sportsman-businessman. It can produce more than 3,000 rounds of ammunition daily.

'Troop Hutment'

Aside from pre-fab schoolhouses, the Center is also producing modern ready-made barracks and/or multi-purpose buildings — the "troop hutment," a portable building which is a thousand fold better than the canvas tent. It is made of galvanized iron and could easily be transported and erected.

The AFP Supply Center is under the command of Brig. Gen. Antonio G. Tamayo with Col. Alejo F. Alvarez as deputy commander and Col. Benjamin M. Bayhon, executive officer.

To attain more effective and wider support service, the Center is now organized into a directorate-type structure.

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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

March 14, Saturday

PART I

- 0730 Hours — Field Mass in front of Administrative Building
- 0840 Hours — Review in honor of Gen. Manuel T. Yan, Chief of Staff, AFP

- Formation of Troops
- Presentation and Honor
- Inspection
- Award
- Introduction of the Guest of Honor by Brig. Gen. Antonio G. Tamayo, CG, AFPSC
- Speech by Gen. Manuel T. Yan, Chief of Staff, AFP
- March in Review

PART II

COCKTAILS AT DAZA PARK
CAMP GEN. E. AGUINALDO
QUEZON CITY