

Supporting an NTC Rotation

Providing a brigade-sized task force with the tools it needs to be successful on the battlefield is no easy task. But that is what the 64th Forward Support Battalion (FSB), 3d Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from Fort Carson, Colorado, did when it provided supplies to more than 4,000

soldiers for their rotation at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California.

During the 3d BCT's rotation in September and October 2000, the 64th FSB issued approximately 100,000 gallons of fuel, 200,000 pounds of ice, and 40,000 gallons of water and completed almost 150 direct support maintenance jobs. Each day for 2 weeks, the 64th FSB supplied the soldiers with everything they needed, including food, fuel, water, ammunition, medical supplies, maintenance, vehicle recovery, and transportation support. Units picked up most supplies from the brigade support area (BSA), but certain supplies, such as fuel and ammunition, were picked up at a logistics release point outside the BSA.

Supplying fuel, ammunition, water, and food was not the 64th FSB's only mission during this NTC rotation. It also provided vehicle maintenance for the 3d BCT. Without its services, the brigade would have been unable to fix or move broken-down vehicles. In addition, the 64th FSB's Company B ensured that spare parts were requested properly and arrived at the BSA. Once the requested parts arrived, the units could pick them up and have their vehicles fixed and ready for battle again.

The medical company conducted the 64th FSB's third mission. The medical company helped with dental work, X rays, and ambulance service for casualty evacuation and provided other immediate medical care.

Although the 64th FSB was the main supplier for the brigade, it received support from the 704th Main Support Battalion and the 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Brigade, both of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, in meeting its mission requirements. **ALOG**

□ A 64th Forward Support Battalion soldier fuels a vehicle at the brigade support area's fuel point.



□ At left, a soldier places a part inside one of the unit boxes at the brigade support area. At right, a medical company noncommissioned officer checks a soldier's pulse during the NTC rotation.