

***The Big Picture* – Pictorial Report No. 28**

Master Sergeant Stuart Queen: A cornerstone of the Army's job overseas is the defense of Western Europe. And defense of Western Europe can mean defense against potential enemy air attack.

Our first story on Today's *Big Picture* is about the 34th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade. A Brigade on constant alert, for their positions in West Germany are just seconds away from possible enemy aggression.

Narrator: This is a fire mission. The red flag is up. The guns of this big brigade are ready to fire.

But there is more than loading and firing to operating a large force of anti-aircraft artillery.

At home base, thousands work to keep the outfit ready at all times. There are hundreds of vehicles in the unit's motor pool. Keeping them moving is a big and important job, for speed and mobility are essential if the brigade is to counter effectively any potential enemy air attack.

Radar technicians periodically check all their equipment. The firing of every gun is in some way controlled by radar. Guns are inspected daily to make sure they are in first-rate firing condition. For the guns must be ready to go into action or spring to new defensive positions at the shortest possible notice – ready for any alert that may sound. The anti-aircraft operation center is the focal point of operations...