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SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

First Quarter (1 January 67 - 31 March 67)

A. Changes in mission or function: The 10th Trans Co (MTrk) entered the year of 1967 with no changes in mission or function.

B. Major organizational changes: None

C. Changes in key personnel:

1. LT Jolley assigned as 3rd platoon leader on 20 January.

2. LT McDonald, 1st platoon leader rotated on 17 March.

D. Changes in station: None

E. Accomplishments: The 10th Trans Co (MTrk) traveled through enemy infested territory to help support both operations, Junction City and Cedar Falls in the Iron Triangle. Mines were encountered on these convoys but the Big Tenth helped make the operations a success. The units supported were the 1st Inf. Div. and 4th Inf Div.

Total tonnages hauled are shown below:

MONTH	TONS	MILES	TON MILES	PASSENGERS
JAN	16,[illegible]	60,131	[illegible]	[illegible]
FEB	25,[illegible]	134,445	[illegible],775	663
MAR	10,[illegible]	61,479	[illegible]	323

Logistics:

Troops are beginning to live in permanent buildings or Tropical Huts as a result of an accelerated construction program.

SECTION II, PART I

A. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Item: Replacements

Discussion: At present we are having a problem filling vacancies created by the rotation of personnel. Drivers and mechanics alike are hard to find but the men are doing an excellent job in meeting commitments even with the shortage.

B. PLANS, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING

Discussion: Training is extremely difficult to conduct due to units operating on a 24 hour schedule.

Observations: All classes are conducted twice to insure maximum coverage of personnel. The stand-down wheel system of maintenance and training was put into effect.

SECTION II, PART II

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Engineer effort be directed to improve the deteriorating road conditions and extremely muddy loading and unloading sites.

SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

SECOND QUARTER (1 April 67 - 30 June 67)

A. COMMAND

Changes in mission or function: The 10th Transportation Company entered the 2nd quarter of 1967 with a major change in their function. On 12 April 1967, the 3rd Platoon, led by 2LT Robert Jolley and SSG Sands was taken to Operation Oregon to perform their duties there. On 24 April 1967, the Big Tenth acquired 66 tractors and 70 refrigerator vans along with the personnel from the 223rd Supply & Service Company in Saigon, RVN.

B. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

1. 2LT White assigned Platoon Leader of 534th Trans Co (MTrk).

2. 2LT Pickett assigned Platoon Leader of 10th Trans Co from 572nd Trans Co (MTrk).

3. 2LT Swanson assigned Platoon Leader of 10th Trans Co (MTrk)

4. 1LT Major promoted from 2LT.

5. 1LT Pickett promoted from 2LT.

6. 2LT Reynolds assigned Platoon Leader from OCS at Fort Lee, Virginia.

7. 2LT Swanson assigned Platoon Leader of 572nd Trans Co (MTrk)

8. CWO1 Bryant assigned to 10th Trans Co (MTrk) as Maintenance Officer.

9. CWO3 Patrick rotated back to states.

C. PLANS, OPERATIONS TRAINING

Units supported were the 1st Inf Div, 4th Inf Div, 9th Inf Div, 25th Inf Div, 11th Armored Cav, 173rd Abn Bde, 196th Lt Inf Bde, 199th Lt Inf Bde Inf Bde, and Philcav.

C. PLANS, OPERATIONS TRAINING (Cont'd)

Total tonnages are shown below:

MONTH	TONS	MILES	TON MILES	PASSENGERS
APR	1,097	[illegible]	54,740	73
MAY	6,366	[illegible]	[illegible]	392
JUN	6,075	[illegible]	226,183	324

D. LOGISTICS

1. All troops except the new personnel who came from the 229th Supply & Service Company are now in permanent buildings.

2. The company motor pool and some new culverts installed and many holes were filled.

SECTION II, PART I

A. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Item: Replacement

Discussion: At present, drivers and mechanics replacements are not filling vacancies created by the rotation of personnel. We have not received any indication of higher level programing to off-set these losses. The peak months for losses within this unit will be in the third quarter.

Action taken: Personnel have been transferred between units to insure that no one unit loses an excessive amount of personnel which would preclude any unit from accomplishing its mission.

B. INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Item: Convoy Security

Discussion: During recent months the road conditions have deteriorated rapidly due to the rains. Mining activity has increased on convoy routes and has resulted in damage to trucks in the battalion.

Observations: Continuous stress must be placed on convoy security and drivers cautioned to drive over pot-holes rather than drive on the shoulders of the road.

C. PLANS, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

Item: Cargo Documentation

Discussion: The following problems have been encountered with Cargo Documentations on European deployments:

a. No documentation for cargo

b. Insufficient legible copies of TCMD's

Observations: Continued liaison must be made with consignors and consignees to insure TCMD's are properly filled out. Drivers are continually instructed on proper TCMD procedures.

SECTION II, PART II

A. MAINTENANCE:

Speed of convoys be decreased if road conditions are not improved. An increase in the number of convoy breakdowns can be directly attributed to the deteriorating road conditions.

SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Third Quarter (1 July 67 - 30 September 67)

A. Command

Changes in mission or function: There were no changes in the 10th Transportation Company (MTrk) mission.

Major Organizational changes: None

B. Personnel, Administration, Morale and Discipline

1. Changes in key personnel:

a. Captain William A. Collins rotated to CONUS on 14 August 1967.

b. Captain Marshall D. Neal assigned as the Commanding Officer, 10th Transportation Company (MTrk).

c. 2LT Mike O. Crawford III assigned as a platoon leader on 23 September 1967.

2. Change in station: None

C. Plans, Operations, and Training

1. Accomplishments: The 10th Trans Co (MTrk) traveled through through enemy infiltrated territory to help support operations in the III and IV Corps areas. The units supported were; 1st Infantry Division 25th Infantry Division, 11th Armored Calvary, 173rd Airborn Brigade, 101st Airborn Division, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Philcaw, and the 3rd Marine Division.

2. Total tonnages hauled are shown below:

MONTH	TONS	MILES	TON MILES	PASSENGERS
JUL	6,419	78,262	180,025	293
AUG	5,345	78,451	141,321	280
SEP	4,503	75,756	133,943	248

D. Logistics

1. All troops are now in permanent buildings.

2. The company motor pool has been enlarged and Warrant Officer Bryant has one of the best looking motor pools on TC Hill.

SECTION II PART I

A. Personnel, Administration, Morale and Discipline

Item: Replacement

Discussion: In the second quarter the drivers and mechanics replacements were not filling vacancies created by the rotation of personnel. We still have not received any personnel to off set the projected losses. The peak month for losses within this unit will be in the month of October.

Action taken: Personnel have been transfered between units to insure that no unit loses an excessive amount of personnel.

B. Intelligence and Counterintelligence

Item: Convoy Security

Discussion: During the recent months the road conditions have improved but mining activity has been a major factor in harrassment of convoys.

Observations: Continuous stress must be placed on convoy security and drivers continued to drive over pot holes rather than drive on the shoulder of the road.

SECTION II PART II

A. Recommendations:

Speed of convoys be increased if the road conditions are improved. This will help keep the drivers off the road for such long hours. The only problem with increasing the speed of the convoys is the possibility that convoy breakdowns could be directly attributed to this.

SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Fourth Quarter (1 October 67 -31 December 67)

A. Command

Changes in mission or function: The 10th Transportation Company (MTrk) had a major change in their mission. The Big 10th has takenover the three water runs, six TDY vehicles at Vung Tau, six TDY at Tay Ninh TTP, six TDY vehicles at the 199th light Infantry Brigade, and three Civilian Personnel Office runs each day.

B. Personnel, Administration, Morale, and Discipline

1. Changes in key personnel:

a. 1LT Marlin W. Pickett rotated to CONUS for assignment to Fort Meade, Md.

b. 1LT Robert E. Major rotated to CONUS for reassignment to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

c. MSG Lewis C. Mayhew rotated to CONUS for reassignment to Fort Riley, Kansas.

2. Changes in station: None

C. Plans, Operations, and Training

1. Units supported were the 1st Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 9th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, 11th Armored Calvary, 173rd Airborne Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Philcav, and the 3rd Marine Division.

2. Total tonnage for the quarter are shown below:

MONTH	TONS	MILES	TON MILES	PASSENGERS
OCT	15,424	20,685	81,177	8,519
NOV	18,486	62,574	468,192	7,629
DEC	20,260	47,497	478,980	16,278

3. 2LT Reynolds gave a class on R&R on 22 December 1967 and the class was monitored by a representative from USARV. After the class, 2LT Reynolds and the representative had a meeting with the other Public Information Officers of the Battalion and discussed many different aspects of how to make any class an interesting one.

4. Training is extremely difficult to conduct due to the unit operating on a 24 hour schedule.

D. Intelligence

1. Convoy security has been stressed again during this quarter.

2. We received word that the enemy could strike Long Binh Post at any time.

E. Logistics

1. All troops are now billited in new aluminum Adam's huts. These permanent buildings were upt up just in time to help keep out the monsoon rains which came during the last quarter.

2. Our operations have been blessed with a new permanent building. We now have much more room and it has enabled us to operate more efficiently than before.

3. Two new maintenance buildings promise to help lift the morale of the maintenance section to a higher level. We will move into these buildings as soon as we are able to have electricity installed.

4. Finding time to pull maintenance on the equipment was a problem. Since the 10th Transportation Company supplies most of the perishable Class I in the III and IV Corps areas, the equipment is always being used.

SECTION II PART I

A. Personnel, Administrative, Morale, and Discipline

Item: Personnel Morale

Discussion: This past quarter seemed to go by quickly. The men were kept busy with the operations that were being "kicked off" in our operational area. They didn't seem to mind the extra work and they still maintained a high degree of discipline.

Observation: It seems that the replacements that are comming in are more fit individuals than they were when the United States first moved here in strength.

B. Intelligence and Counterintelligence

Item: Convoy Security

Discussion: During recent months mining activity on convoy routes has increased and has resulted in damage to trucks in the Battalion.

SECTION II PART II

A. Recommendations

Training: Classes should be held at least three days a week and one day a make up class for those who did not attend the weeks classes. I might add that this has been very effective in this unit.

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