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The 124th Transportation Company (Terminal Service), has the mission of loading, unloading or transshipping from one to another means of transportation (water, rail, air, highway) or at terminals and over the shore facilities. It is organized under Table of Organization and Equipment 55-117D.

Captain Donald G. Pons assumed command of the 124th Transportation Company (Terminal Service), from First Lieutenant Geoffrey S. Mitchell on 6 January 1965. Lieutenant Mitchell completed his active duty assignment on 8 January 1965.

On 26 March 1965, Master Sergeant (E-7), Kermit Roberts became First Sergeant of the 124th Transportation Company. He replaced First Sergeant (E-8), Bert C. Corbett who retired from the Army on 31 March 1965.

During the first part of the year the company personnel spend most of the time repairing and maintaining the equipment that had been used extensively while the unit was on Exercise Air Assault II, in South Carolina, in the last quarter of 1964.

By the month of March plans were drafted for the implementation of the 11th Transportation Battalion (Terminal), Domestic Emergency Task Force. This was a riot and control mission assigned to the company.

On 23 April 1965, First Sergeant (E-7), James Tisdale replaced First Sergeant (E-7), Kermit C. Roberts and there was another change of Commanding Officers on 3 June 1965 when Captain Ronald H. Wilbanks assumed command of the company replacing Captain Donald G. Pons who was transferred to Fort Eustis Post Headquarters, G-3 Section.

The company faced the problem during the first half of the year of maintaining its assigned Red Cape with the constant shortages of Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers. It was not until the company received orders

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for a permanent change of station for an overseas area on 13 August 1965, that the personnel problem was alleviated.

Two First Lieutenants and three Second Lieutenants were assigned to the company during the first part of September 1965. By mid October the company's assigned strength increased by sixty (60) per cent over the strength held during the first half of the year.

Letter Order M-08-51, dated 13 July 1965, brought about the most significant accomplishment of the 124th Transportation Company during 1965. The company immediately prepared and processed all personnel assigned and packed and documented all the equipment for its new overseas change of station.

An advance party was sent on 22 September 1965, consisting of one officer and seventy enlisted men and 60,000 pounds of equipment. This was directed by DA Message 732362.

On 18 October 1965, First Sergeant Billy E. Sherrer (E-8), replaced First Sergeant James Tisdale (E-7), who is now acting as Platoon Sergeant.

The main body of the company left Fort Eustis, Virginia, on 9 November 1965, and sailed in the USNS General Daniel I. Sultan, from Oakland, California, on 10 November 1965, destined to Saigon, Vietnam.

Upon arrival at Saigon on 30 November 1965, the company was assigned the task of working ammunition discharge sites along forty miles of the Saigon River. This is an important and challenging task which the company is accomplishing while maintaining high morale.

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