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During the period between 1 January 1965 and 17 August 1965 the 151st Transportation Company (Light Truck) was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The unit fulfilled its mission in a superior manner, that is, supporting the 101st Airborne Division. No significant events took place at that time until the unit was alerted for an overseas movement on 4 May 1965.

The 151 took advantage of this early opportunity to get started on its POM. After the troops were processed through physical examinations, shots, weapons qualification and numerous other administrative requirements, the unit began the monumental task of loading out its equipment. From the time the 151 was given authorization to load out (25 July 1965) it took three days to complete the operation. The vehicles and connex containers were secured to rail cars and ready for shipment on 28 July 1965. When the operation was inspected by a railroad representative, he dubbed it as "the best load out I have ever seen." The rail cars started on their journey to Charleston outport the next day, 29 July 1965.

On that same day, 29 July 1965, the Unit Movement Directive, Letter Order Number 7-140, was out. On 13 August 1965, the final morning report was submitted to Headquarters Third Army. On 13, 14, 15 August 1965 the unit flew in separate detachments to Oakland, California. On 17 August 1965 the 151 sailed from Oakland on the USNS Gordon. The Gordon arrived at the port of debarkation, Qui Nhon, Vietnam, on the evening of 2 September 1965. On 4 September 1965 the unit debarked the USNS Gordon and landed on the beach at 1130 hours.

Upon arriving at Qui Nhon, the 151 was temporarily attached to the 394th Transportation Battalion (Terminal). One of the unit's first missions was "Operation Highland", in which troops and materiel of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) were transported to An Khe, about 50 miles west of Qui Nhon.

On 28 October 1965, the 151 was attached to the 27th Transportation Battalion (Truck) for all purposes. Now operating under the 27th, the company is now fulfilling the mission of beach clearance.