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ANNUAL HISTORICAL SUPPLEMENT
27TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRK)
1 JANUARY 1964 THRU 31 DECEMBER 1964

In January 1964 the Battalion was getting equipment and personnel ready for the yearly FTX at A.P. Hill, Virginia by undergoing additional unit training. Assigned companies were:

The 10th Transportation Company (Medium Truck)

The 597th Transportation Company (Medium Truck)

In February the Battalion moved by motor march from Fort Eustis, Virginia to A.P. Hill, Virginia for a one (1) week Field Training Exercise, this was in preparation for the Annual Army Training Test (ATT). Training generally consisted of night motor marches under black out conditions, displacement and perimeter defense of bivouac areas, guerrilla warfare and attack by aggressor forces. After one (1) week in the field the battalion displaced back into garrison with high moral and began additional training for the ATT.

In March the 27th Battalion (Truck) participated in their Annual Army Training Test with two (2) attached companies from Fort Eustis, Virginia, 10th Transportation Medium Truck Company S & P, 597th Transportation Medium Truck Company S & P and one (1) attached company from Fort Meade, Maryland 502nd Transportation Medium Truck Company (Refrigeration). The Battalion was under the command of Lt Col Harry I. Fernandes. The Battalion finished the test in an outstanding manner.

In April the Battalion received a commitment for eighty (80) drivers for Log X at Fort Lee, Virginia, personnel to remain away for six (6) weeks. The last of April saw the old Battalion Commander with orders for Karachi, Pakistan.

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In May Major Dorman, the Executive Officer, assumed command with the Command Maintenance Inspection taking place during the last of April and the first part of May. During May the Battalion received individual commitments for Desert Strike which was a big maneuver taking place in the Mojave Desert in California. Major Dorman commanded the Battalion during the month of May.

In June a new commander took over command, Lt Col Henry W. Goodell.

In July the Battalion was designated to take part in Air Assault II in North and South Carolina. Preparation was started to ready the Battalion for movement to South Carolina near Fort Jackson reservation Leesburg Camp Site.

On 12 August 1964 the 27th Transportation Battalion, commanded by Lt Col Henry W. Goodell, with two (2) attached companies, the 10th Medium Truck Company, and 597th Medium Truck Company departed Fort Eustis, Virginia staying over night at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The second day 13 August 1964 arrived Leesburg Camp Site, South Carolina. After arrival at Leesburg Camp Site South Carolina, additional units were attached. The battalion was composed of the following units.

- Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment 27th Trans Bn
- 10th Transportation Company (Medium Truck)
- 120th Transportation Company (Light Truck)
- 124th Transportation Company (Term Service)
- 244th Quartermaster Section Company A (-)
- 502nd Transportation Squade (Refrigeration)
- 507th Movement Control (2) (LC Teams)
- 541st Transportation (Light Truck) Platoon
- 597th Transportation Company (Medium Truck)

The Battalion was part of a 5000 man force under Neutral Forces Headquarters. The mission of the 27th Battalion was to provide transportation in support of the maneuver. Direct support was provided to the 11th Air Assault Division in movement of personnel and equipment within the 4.5 million acres area. Statistics for the maneuver are as listed.

Total Tonnage moved by this Battalion: 14,406

Total Passengers moved by this Battalion: 75,094

Total Vehicle mileage: 1,475,348

From August thru November this Battalion was in support of the Air Assault II maneuver. The last week in November returning to Fort Eustis, Virginia in time for Thanksgiving Dinner minus one (1) Company, the 597th.

In December the 597th returned to Fort Eustis, Virginia. The latter part of December was used to bring vehicles and trailers back to original standards.