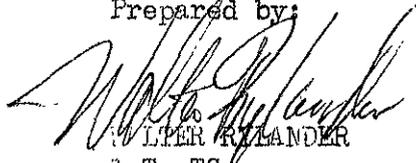


UNIT HISTORY

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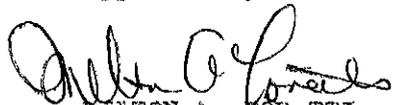
  
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1. Introduction

a. The 2d Transportation Company has been in Vietnam since September 1965. The company has performed in such a manner as to more than exemplify its motto, "Second to None". The capability of the 2d Transportation Company has been proven by its performance in the four years it served and supported in Vietnam.

2. Mission and Resources

a. Mission: The mission of the 2d Transportation Company is to provide transportation of general cargo by means of motor transport, more specifically the 2d Transportation Company supports ground units in the central highlands as far west as Doc To, north as Dac Pho, and south as Tay Hoa. The 2d Transportation Company has played a big role in the movement of empty trailers to loading locations and the return of loaded trailers for convoy the next day.

b. Organization: The 2d Transportation Company is composed of a company headquarters, three truck platoons, a maintenance section and an operations section. We are organized under MTOE-55-18G which authorizes 60 5 ton tractors and 40 semi-trailers which are carried on the 8th Transportation Group consolidated property book.

c. Capabilities and Utilization of Resources

1. With regard to security and road conditions the 2d Transportation Company makes one line haul and participates in a double turn around local haul daily.

2. When the 2d Transportation Company is involved in shuttle operations trucks are on the road 20 out of 24 hours per day due to the mission requirement. Due to a drain of available drivers for perimeter guard, special duties, and additional strength in the mess hall, maintenance, operations, and arms room, a driver shortage problem has only been defeated by utilization of every available man in the company. This has required clerks, mechanics, cooks and non-commissioned officers to drive 5 ton tractors. The 2d Trans Co has filled its commitments at all costs in order to move cargo and perform its mission.

d. Personnel

Under our present MTOE the 2d Transportation Company is authorized 4 officers, 1 warrant officer and 178 enlisted men. Throughout the year we have

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been under staffed and never over staffed.

e. Facilities

1. The unit mess hall was completely redecorated and a hot line was built to take the place of the mermite cans. The atmosphere and cleanliness of the Mess Hall is 100% improved.

2. A complete wash rack was built for the 2d Transportation Company. The appearance of the vehicles improved and first echelon became easier.

3. The EM shower was rebuilt and more showers added. A hot water system was installed and proved adequate for all NCO's and EM's.

4. A new movie theater was constructed to accommodate all the 2d Transportation Company personnel. A roof was built to keep off the rain and to increase acoustics.

5. All the bunkers were repaired and covered with cement to provide security. A new bunker was built to accommodate 50 men.

3. Operations and Training

a. During the 1968 year "Second to None" managed to drive 1,293,475 miles and move 171,418 short tons of cargo.

b. With increased enemy activity on the road, more security was provided for the convoys. Armored personnel carriers were mounted on 5 ton cargo trucks and equipped with 50 caliber M-60 machine guns. These gun trucks were received on lateral transfer to the 2d Transportation Company. Radios were obtained for the gun trucks to provide more communication in the convoy and allow quicker and more effective defense.

c. A system of regular gun truck crews was initiated with special emphasis on the training of new crew members on procedures, radios and weapons.

d. When the commitments for security for any extra element come up, volunteers were readily available. The 2d Transportation Company proved eager and showed definite sense of urgency as proved by its pride in being first in all alerts and reaction to any action that may arise.

e. Classes on all types of weapons were given to all personnel in the 2d Transportation Company. Ambush techniques were thoroughly explained and mistakes were elaborated on.

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#### 4. Logistical Activities;

Because of bad roads and the wear and tear involved in our line haul mission, maintenance has become a constant problem. The drivers combined with the second echelon have worked together expertly in order to keep the trucks "rolling". Regardless of these problems the drivers managed to keep the trucks on the road and in 1968, the 2d Transportation Company had 15 drivers go over the 30,000 accident free mile mark. The highest record was 47,000 accident free miles served by the 2d Transportation Company in Vietnam.

#### Special Events

On 10 July 1968 a CMMI inspection was held in the 2d Transportation Company. Out of ten (10) categories, 2d Transportation Company passed eight (8) satisfactorily. The other two (2) categories were not inspected. The 27th Transportation Battalion began preparation for its company's IG by holding inspections on their own. Our company was closely inspected and believed not ready for the IG. Motivated by pride and Espirit de Corps the men of the 2d Transportation Company worked diligently to increase their standards above any and all other companies in the 8th Transportation Group. The 8th Group pre-IG proved a great improvement with minor deficiencies. The IG was passed with ease as a result of coordination, proper supervision and hard work.

Outside the company assignment, the 2d Transportation Company showed an interest in local affairs. The men gave unselfishly to the ER program. During the early part of April the 2d Transportation Company began work on a swimming pool. The pool was officially opened on 25 August 1968. They also devoted time and patience to bettering the relationship with local Vietnamese Nationals not only for personal reasons but interest in the progress of these ambitious people.