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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
363rd TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LT TRK)
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SUBJECT: Unit History

TO: Chief of Military History
Department of the Army
Washington D.C. 20315

1. The 363rd Transportation Company (Lt Trk) was reactivated 15 March 1967 at Fort Riley, Kansas under TOE 55-17F. During the next three month period the unit went through its POM/POR training for later movement to Vietnam and received final notification on 21 Jul 67.

2. In early July 1967 the unit began loading all its TOE equipment on railroad flatcars for shipment to the POE in Beaumont, Texas. The unit deployed from Fort Riley, 9 August 1967, with the total strength of 4 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 158 Enlisted Men and arrived in Oakland, California where they boarded the USNS General Walker. The General Walker departed Oakland, California 10 August 1967.

3. The advance party for the unit remained behind until 20 August 1967. Lieutenant Lawrence A. Thibodeau, Staff Sergeant Eugene Moore, Sergeant Irving T. Havenner, Private First Class Eugene L. Phillips, and Private First Class Clyde R. Patrick were members of the advance party. They departed from Travis Air Force Base at 0700 hours 20 August 1967 on flight BE39A.

4. The USNS General Walker arrived at Vung Tau, Vietnam 2 September 1967 and the officers and men of the 363rd Transportation Company were greeted by representatives of the 6th Transportation Battalion, 48th Transportation Group located at Long Binh, Vietnam.

5. The unit immediately set up operations at TC Hill, participating in convoys both day and night to Bearcat, Xuan Loc, Chu Chi, Tan An, Tay Ninh, Katum, Vung Tau, Long Giao, Di An, Lia Kho, Phu Loi, Quan Loi, Loch Minh, Phuc Vinh, and Dau Tung. From September 1967 until 29 January the 363rd Transportation Company moved some 32,254 short tons of cargo and traveled 385,217 miles in support of combat operations in Vietnam.

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6. On 29 January 1968 the 363rd Transportation Company was alerted for an intra-command move to the northern I corps. On 9 February 1968, 4 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 168 Enlisted Men embarked from Newport Dock, in Saigon, on LST 488 and 239 for the five day trip to DaNang. On Valentines Day 1968 the unit arrived in DaNang and was attached to DaNang Sub-Area Command to be later assigned to the 57th Transportation Battalion, 26th General Support Group.

7. During our brief stay in DaNang the unit supported some port and beach operations and assisted the III Marine Amphibious Force in troop moves. From 14 February to 1 March 1968 the unit moved some 1030 tons of cargo and traveled 21,253 miles in support of operations in the DaNang area.

8. On 1 March 1968 the unit received notification for further movement north to support a new LOTS operation at Thon My Thu, Quang Tri Province, RVN. On 2 March 1968 the 363rd Transportation Company departed DaNang and arrived in Phu Bai at 1730 hours 2 March 1968. On 3 March 1968 the unit convoyed from Phu Bai to Camp Evans to spend the night and off load some cargo. On 4 March the unit convoyed from Camp Evans to the new LOTS site to find only a hand full of personnel; the 159th Transportation Battalion (Terminal), the advance party from the 71st Transportation Company, a Bare Company (Provisional) and two companies of the 1/5 Infantry, 1st Cavalry.

9. The unit set up operations and began moving cargo when the first vessel arrived 6 March 1968. To date we have supported operation "Pegasus" in the Khe Sanh area, "Delaware" in the A-Shau Valley and have hauled cargo to LZ Jane, LZ Betty, LZ Sharon, LZ Sally, LZ Stud, Dong Ha, Quang Tri and Camp Evans. Since arrival at the LOTS site the unit has hauled some 6,250 tons of cargo and traveled 73,153 miles in support of combat operations.

10. To date the 363rd Transportation Company is still located at the LOTS site (Utah Beach) (Wonder Beach) in the Northern I Corps area. The unit has been commanded by First Lieutenant Milton Levy Jr. of North Chicago, Illinois, since 1 January 1968. The First Sergeant is Sergeant First Class Franklin O. Trotter of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Truckmaster, Staff Sergeant Leon Doyle of Kansas City, Kansas, Platoon Leaders are First Lieutenants Lawrence A. Thibodeau of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Neal H. Lebanie of Claremont, New Hampshire, and Abraham A. Figueroa of Tuba, Arizona. Warrant Officer Vincent J. King of Marlboro, Maryland is the Unit Maintenance Officer.

11. The members of the unit are mission minded and have spent many hours a day in support of combat operations. The importance of a strong logistics system is very valuable for the continued progress

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of our Army in Vietnam. The men of the 363rd are most closely involved and by participating in convoys to various support bases, can see the outstanding logistics resupply system working in support of combat elements. Even though a driver in a Transportation Company is not directly involved in combat he is still subject to death and injury which might occur from an ambush or road mine. A driver is subject to many long hours of duty but when he can see that his efforts are not in vain he needs little rest and he will continue to give tireless support to combat elements.

12. Information on the units past history prior to reactivation is not available at present but has been requested.

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Commanding