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505TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
(MEDIUM TRUCK)
Fort Benning, Georgia

23 December 1963

UNIT HISTORY

The 505th Transportation Company (Medium Truck), part of the 39th Transportation B attalion (Truck), of the United States Infantry Center Troop Command, has as it's Primary mission the general support of the Infantry Center and the Infantry School.

Although limited to the Infantry Center and the Infantry School in it's general mission, the unit also supports many of the other major activities of the post, as well as taking part in the numerous exercises and operations that are assigned to units at Fort Benning each year.

As a STRAC unit, the 505th Transportation Company (medium Truck) maintains at all times a high degree of readiness to accomplish it's mission.

Participation in Joint Exercise Swift Strike II took the Third Platoon away from the post from 1 August 1962 to 21 August 1962.

During the "Cuban Crisis" in October 1962, the company was alerted on 24 October 1962, and within seven hours, two platoons had departed for Florida. The remaining platoon, transporting a medical unit, departed on 26 October 1962. After more than six weeks in Florida, the Second Platoon departed for Fort Benning on 6 December 1962 and the main body closed into the 39th Transportation Battalion(Truck) Motor Pool on 9 December 1962.

From that time until May 1963, the company performed it's normal support mission.

The company completed it's annual Army Training Test with a grade of Excellent during the first week in May 1963.

On 12 May 1963, the company was alerted in connection with the civil disturbance in Birmingham, Alabama. One platoon departed from Fort Benning on the same day, carrying personnel from the Second Infantry Division to Fort McClellan, Alabama, where they were placed on standby alert. All personnel of the 505th Transportation Company returned to Fort Benning on 10 June 1963, without having taken part in controlling the disturbances.

Another platoon left on 10 June 1963, to support the Mountain Ranger Camp at Dahlonega, Georgia, Driving 2½ ton trucks drawn from Post Ordnance. After three weeks of working in almost continuous rainfall, the platoon returned to Fort Benning.

During the remainder of the fiscal year the unit continued it's support activities and maintained it's readiness to meet any situation.