

1970

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
545TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LT TRK)(5T)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96492

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22 March 1971

SUBJECT: Unit History

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with USARV Reg 870-5, the unit history of the 545th Transportation Company is hereby updated.

I. INTRODUCTION

The following will cover Unit History from 1 January 1970 to 31 December 1970. For a complete past history of the 545th Transportation Company, see Appendix 1, Linage and Honors.

During this past year many changes have taken place in the unit. The changes have been in people and equipment as well as mission. One of the biggest changes was the transfer from the 593rd General Support Group to the 8th Transportation Group. In addition, the unit relocated and changed its operational mission.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATION

A. ORGANIZATION

On 8 August 1970 the 545th Transportation Company was transferred to the 8th Transportation Group (Motor Transport) coupled with this change the unit came under the command of the 124th Transportation Battalion (Truck). Throughout the year one platoon continued to be detached and assigned under operational control of the 523rd Transportation Company. This platoon is known as Detachment 1 and is located at Cha Rang Valley, West of Qui Nhon.

B. MISSION

These changes affected the mission of the unit quite drastically, however basically the same: to provide transportation for the movement of general cargo and personnel by motor transport. During the period 1 January 1970 to 1 August 1970. The specific mission involved port and beach clearance of the Vung Ro Bay outport and route security between Vung Ro Bay and Phu Hiep. With the phaseout of the Vung Ro Bay outport and reassignment to the 8th Transportation Group (MT) the unit began line haul operations throughout Military Region II. Among the areas to which convoys were run were Cam Ranh Bay, Phan Rang, Qui Nhon, Ankhe, Pleiku, and LZ English.

C. PERSONNEL

(1) Unit Commanders

1 January 1970 - 21 April 1970 CPT Paul A Sakach
21 April 1970 - 3 November 1970 CPT Harry A Nelson
3 November 1970 - 31 December 1970 1LT Don R Mann

(2) Other Officers assigned at various times through the year:

1LT Obed P. Higgins III
1LT Clinton Berry
1LT James Rishebarger
1LT Robert A Doten
1LT James Holmes
CW2 Fredrick Van Vlerah

(3) First Sergeants

1 January 1970 - 4 June 1970 1SG Joseph A. Parent Jr
8 July 1970 - 31 December 1970 1SG Norman E. McCusker

III MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

A. During the past year the 545th Transportation Company achieved an impressive record of "tons and miles" - the criteria used to measure the performance of a truck unit. Below are listed the performance figures, by miles driven, short tons, hauled, and troops hauled.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>MILES DRIVEN</u>	<u>SHORT TONS HAULED</u>	<u>TROOP HAULED</u>
Jan	33,275	5,969	713
Feb	29,370	3,687	548
Mar	29,815	5,433	431
Apr	42,045	7,221	114
May	23,135	3,291	366
Jun	26,673	2,124	415
Jul	54,010	9,700	31
Aug	50,802	7,238	111
Sep	26,814	2,864	---
Oct	36,820	7,440	640
Nov	49,765	6,000	730
Dec	54,134	4,969	576
TOTAL	456,658	65,936	4,675

B. On 29 October 1970, the unit was awarded the Meretorious Unit Commendation for the period 1 November 1969 thru 31 May 1970, under provisions of General Order Number 4974, Headquarters, US Army Vietnam.


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LINEAGE AND HONORS

. 545th Transportation Company

Constituted 23 February 1943 in the Army of the United States as Company H, 520th Quartermaster Truck Regiment

Activated 25 June 1943 at Camp Ellis, Illinois

Reorganized and redesignated 29 October 1943 as 4008th Quartermaster Truck Company

Converted and redesignated 1 August 1946 as 4008th Transportation Corps Truck Company

Redesignated 18 June 1947 as 545th Transportation Truck Company

Allotted to the Regular Army 4 September 1951

Redesignated 8 June 1953 as 545th Transportation Company

Inactivated 1 October 1953 in Germany

Activated 3 December 1954 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Inactivated 1 December 1955 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Activated 18 May 1966 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Nothern France
Ardennes-Alsace
Rhineland

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
(other campaigns to be determined)

DECORATIONS

Meretorious Unit Comendation