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PREFACE

The purpose of this unit history is to report the activities of the 567th Transportation Company (TS) and its contribution to the mission of the United States Army.

This report covers the period from 1 January 1967 until 31 December 1967.

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The 567th Transportation Company (Terminal Service) on 8 January 1967, sent a detachment of one hundred and sixty-eight men to Dong Tam, RVN, in the Mekong Delta in support of the 9th Infantry Division which was establishing a base camp for operations in the Delta.¹

Captain Donald L. Gregg, Commanding Officer of the 567th, was in charge of the move which was accomplished aboard LCU's and an LST. The detachment, personnel and equipment were loaded at US Army Terminal, Newport.

During the period from 8 January 1967 until 31 December 1967, the strength of the Dong Tam detachment was reduced until it reached the present strength of 17 men. As the efficiency of the detachment increased, the detachment was able to expeditiously increase the various levels of stockage, thus the number of water craft to be discharged decreased to the current requirements.

At approximately 0200 hours on the morning of 8 April 1967, the Dong Tam detachment received eighty-two rounds of mortar rounds in the Company area. There were only two injuries both of which were relatively minor. This small casualty rate was due largely to the good defensive measures practiced and the sandbagging of all tents and bunkers in the company area.

In a change of command ceremony on 10 March 1967, Captain Roger J. Cavanaugh assumed command of the 567th. Captain Donald L. Gregg had been Commanding Officer of the 567th since its activation in April of 1966.²

On 30 March 1967 the 567th again underwent a mission change. The Staging Area mission was given to the 154th Transportation Company (Terminal Service) and the 567th took over the mission of discharging ships at Deep Draft #3. General Eifler, Commanding General of the 1st Logistical Command, was present for the ceremony. The mission included staging and shipping of cargo as well as the discharging of ships.

On the 1st of April a detail began constructing Adams Huts in the company area. This transition from tents to Adams Huts continued until all personnel were quartered in the new huts. In addition a Day Room, Orderly Room, Supply Room and an Arms Room were constructed. A superlative shower was also included in the midst of the many other construction projects. So well constructed is this shower that it has been hailed as the finest in the Battalion because of its part-time warm water capability. With the completion of the shower, a company area beautification program was undertaken. This program consisted primarily of the planting of several dozen trees throughout the company area. These trees do a great deal to enhance the appearance of the area. As time goes by the esthetic value will certainly multiply many times over.

By late September and early October the company reached an all time low in both personnel and equipment strength. On 4 October 1967 the morning report read 5 officers and 120 enlisted men. At times there were only ten to fifteen men per platoon present for duty at Newport. At this low ebb the average discharge per 24 hour day was approximately 200 short tons.

Toward the end of October relief came in the form of replacements from such units as the First Infantry Division, Fourth Infantry Division, and the 221st Signal Battalion. However, none of these people were trained stevedores. An immediate intensified training program was undertaken to bring these new troops up to the 567th stevedoring standards. Under the direction of the Company Commander, the Platoon Leaders, and the Platoon Sergeants, an extensive schedule of daily training was conducted on such subjects as safety, rigging the ships gear, and other general stevedoring practices. Under this training and direct supervision the tonnage out-put for the month of November jumped to an all time high of 821.8 short tons per 24 hour day. Contributing immeasurably to this program was the decision to give all troops a day off per week. It might be further noted that during the last two months of the year the men of the 567th weiled together into a highly efficient unit with outstanding morale.

On 27 November 1967, the 567th received its third CO in a change of command ceremony: CPT James C. Arnold, TC³. Under the direction of Captain Arnold, the 567th prepares to carry forward into the new year its high standards and morale.

GLOSSARY

RVN	Republic of Vietnam
TML	Terminal
TS	Terminal Service

FOOTNOTES

1. General Orders, 1st Logistical Command, Number 62, 23 December 1966
2. Unit Order, 567th Transportation Company (TS), Number 25, 10 March 1967
3. Unit Order, 567th Transportation Company (TS), Number 100, 26 November 1967