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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
58TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (COMP)
APO Seattle 98731

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UNIT HISTORY - 1969

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The 58th Transportation Company (Composite) was reactivated on 22 September 1969 by United States Army, Alaska, General Order Number 189. The company is assigned to the 171st Infantry Brigade (Separate) (Light), Fort Weinwright, Alaska, which is commanded by Colonel O. G. Garrett and is attached for operational control to the 171st Support Battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John L. Garcia. The 58th Transportation Company has a proud history which dates back to 1936 and includes distinguished service in World War II and the Vietnam War.

2. The 58th Transportation Company was constituted in the Regular Army of the United States on 1 May 1936 and designated as Company L, 47th Quartermaster Regiment (Truck) (Army). The regiment was assigned to III Corps area. On 29 September 1936 the regiment was redesignated the 47th Quartermaster Regiment (Truck) (Corps) and again on 8 January 1940 redesignated the 47th Quartermaster Regiment (Truck).

3. The company was activated on 22 March 1941 at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. On 16 June 1942 the company was redesignated Company L, 3rd Battalion, 47th Quartermaster Truck Regiment. On 15 November 1943 while stationed at Camp Ashley, Virginia, the company was reorganized and redesignated as the 3511th Quartermaster Truck Company.

4. On 18 February 1944, the company departed Camp Ashley for the New York Port of Embarkation and deployment to the European Theater of Operations. While in Europe the company underwent several reorganizations.

5. On 1 August 1946, the company was redesignated as the 3511th Transportation Corps Truck Company, and again on 18 June 1947 was reorganized under TOE 55-17 (Light Truck) and redesignated the 58th Transportation Truck Company.

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6. While still stationed in Germany and after several TOE modifications, the company was redesignated the 58th Transportation Company on 8 June 1953. Later that year, on 1 October 1953 the company was deactivated.

7. At Camp Gordon, Georgia on 10 March 1955, the 58th Transportation Company was reactivated. On 24 June 1955, the company was transferred, less personnel and equipment to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The company was attached to the 64th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operating) on 10 February 1964. While at Fort Leonard Wood, the company participated in Joint Exercise Desert Strike in California and Joint Exercise Goldfire I in Missouri and Arkansas.

8. The company's history from early 1965 until it's recent reactivation is relatively unknown. It is known that the company did deploy to Vietnam and was assigned or attached to the 8th Transportation Group (Motor Transport). Efforts to obtain this information are in progress.

II. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

9. ORGANIZATION: The company is organized under TOE 55-67GA01, which authorizes four (4) officers, one (1) warrant officer and 156 enlisted personnel. It receives it's "Composite" designation because it has in lieu of two (2) light squads in the light-medium platoon of a light-medium truck company, two squads of tracked cargo carriers (M548).

10. MISSION: The mission of the company is to provide transportation for the movement of general cargo and personnel by motor transport for elements of the 171st Infantry Brigade (Separate) (Light).

11. PERSONNEL:

a. Commanders:

(1) First Lieutenant George B. Hughes, Infantry, [REDACTED], commanded the company from it's reactivation to 31 October 1969. Lieutenant Hughes entered the Army from the state of Alabama on 3 March 1967. He graduated from Infantry Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia on 12 February 1968. Lieutenant Hughes is married and has one (1) child.

(2) Captain Robert E. Scott, Transportation Corps, [REDACTED], assumed command of the company on 1 November 1969. Captain Scott entered the Army from the state of Connecticut on 16 April 1959. He was commissioned on 6 November 1963 upon graduation from the Infantry Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia. His assignments have taken him to Thailand, Vietnam and twice to Alaska. He holds the Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal. Captain Scott is married and has two (2) children.

b. First Sergeant: Sergeant First Class Russell E. Healey, [REDACTED], has been the company's First Sergeant since its reactivation. He entered the

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Army from the state of Indiana on 12 July 1953. His assignments have taken him to Germany, Korea, Vietnam, and Alaska. He holds the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant Healey is married and has four (4) children.

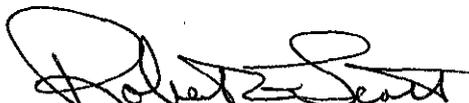
III. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

12. CAMPAIGNS: The years 1944-1945 found the company participating in the European Theater of Operation during the campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe. While the company was serving in the United Army, Vietnam it participated in five (5) known campaigns: Defense, Counteroffensive, Counteroffensive-Phase II, Counteroffensive-Phase III, Tet Counteroffensive.

13. DECORATIONS: The company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation while assigned or attached to the 8th Transportation Group (Motor Transport) for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 2 September 1967 to 31 March 1968. Authority was Department of the Army General Order Number 31, dated 13 May 1969.

14. OPERATIONS: Since reactivation the company has been involved in periodic support of brigade activities. In addition the company is experiencing the growing pains of a new unit. Maintenance activities have been emphasized because of the large number of vehicles assigned.

15. TRAINING EXERCISES: From 27 October to 29 October 1969 the company participated in a brigade field exercise. The purpose of the exercise was indoctrination of all brigade personnel to cold weather conditions.



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