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58TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (COMP)
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1. During the year 1970, the 58th Transportation Company was kept busy in Support of the Brigade, both in installation and in the field.

2. During the period of 5 through 21 February, members of the light platoon conveyed to Gulkana Glacier in support of the 1/47th Infantry Battalion. This involved not only logistical support, but also required maintenance support and enabled the man of the company to observe the training required to the Infantry in the Arctic. This exercise was entitled Gulkana Boot II. This exercise was supported by 24 vehicles and 35 men.

3. On 8 March 1970, the Medium-medium platoon participated in Operation Husky Help. This operation was an assistance to the Eskimo's at Wales, and involved transporting building materials from Tin City to Wales. Two cargo carriers (M548) were flown to Tin City by C-130 aircraft to assist this operation. The operation continued until 23 March 1970, when the vehicles returned to Ft. Wainwright. Little difficulty was experienced during this operation, except that winds varying from 35 to 65 miles per hour created a wind chill factor of between -80 to -110 degrees.

4. During the months of March through May, the company continued its installation support of the Brigade and supported the Battalion during their ORTT's. These were supported as follows:

23 Mar - 25 Mar - 6/9th Inf Bn
6 Apr - 8 Apr - 1/47th Inf Bn
9 Apr - 11 Apr - 6/9th Inf Bn
11 May - 13 May - 171st Spt Bn

5. On 14 July 1970, the 58th Trans received its first CMMI since activation in September 1969. The results of this inspection indicated that a re-inspection would be in order.

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6. On 3 August 1970, the Company underwent its annual ATT. This lasted until 7 August 1970, with satisfactory results.

7. On 7 August 1970, Captain Ray H. McCoy assumed command of the Company from Captain Robert E. Scott who received assignment to G-4, USARAL. Captain McCoy was formerly the Brigade Maintenance Officer.

8. In addition to having its ATT as mentioned above, the unit also supported the 6/9th Infantry Battalion from 3 August through 20 August and the 1/47th Infantry Battalion from 20 August through 4 September at Gulkana Glacier. The 1st Light Platoon was at Gulkana during this period for support of the Infantry's mountain training operation entitled Calloused Bear III.

9. On 23 September 1970, the unit received its CMMI re-inspection and passed with flying colors.

10. During the period 24 through 28 September, the medium truck squad of the 3rd Platoon was detailed to transport Company C, 588th Engineer Battalion in their move from Ft. Wainwright to Ft. Richardson.

11. On 29 September 1970, Captain Thomas L. Tish assumed command from Captain McCoy. Captain Tish had been the Brigade Maintenance Officer and in effect, he and Captain McCoy exchanged positions.

12. On 26 October 1970, the unit was elected to move the entire Brigade to the field for a whever indoctrination/FTX exercise. This was accomplished with little difficulty and the Brigade returned to garrison on 27 October 1970.

13. During the period 30 November to 14 December 1970, the 58th Trans Co participated in Acid Test III. This was a joint Army/Air Force exercise and included a Regiment of Canadian Forces. This exercise took place at Ft. Greely, Alaska and involved the movement of vehicles by both air and highway. The unit was required to operate 24 hours a day in order to provide the administrative and tactical support required for this exercise. As a result of its hard work the unit was praised for its primary supporting role during this exercise.

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Commanding