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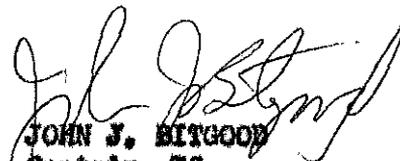
ANNUAL HISTORICAL SUPPLEMENT

63rd Transportation Company (Light Truck)

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On 5 January, Sergeant First Class E-7 Grady W. Lovelace, [REDACTED], TC, assumed the position of Company First Sergeant, replacing 1st Sergeant E-8 Jesse O. Mayhew, [REDACTED], TC, who was transferred to the S-3 section, 48th Transportation Group (Medium Truck), Fort Eustis, Virginia.

On 7 January, GO #1, Headquarters, USATOPE, authorized the augmentation as listed in paragraph 05, TOE 55-17F, consisting of two personnel specialist.

During the period 14-22 January, the 3rd platoon (+), supported the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies in Washington, DC, as vehicle drivers for various dignitaries and guests.

On 18-19 February, the unit underwent its Annual General Inspection, receiving a superior rating, and on 24-26 February underwent its operational readiness test, receiving a Combat Ready Rating.

On 1 June, SO 19, 48th Transportation Group (Medium Truck), transferred the unit from attachment to the 6th Transportation Battalion (Truck) to the 27th Transportation Battalion (Truck).

During the period January through June, the company supported the U.S. Army Transportation School Basic Officers Course in their field training exercises at Camp A.P. Hill, Virginia, participation rotating among the three platoons. Also during the period 5-14 June, 33 personnel were placed TDY to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, to drive dignitaries and high ranking officials at the National Strategy Seminar.

On 3 August, the unit was released from attachment to the 27th Transportation Battalion (Truck), 48th Transportation Group (Medium Truck) and assigned to USARPAC. It departed Fort Eustis on a permanent change of station to Viet Nam aboard the USNS Blatchford.

The unit debarked at Cam Ranh Bay on 29 August, married up with its equipment and conveyed to its new duty station at Nha Trang on 30 August.

Effective 29 August the unit was attached to Headquarters, 4th Transportation Command (Terminal A) and further attached to the Provisional Transportation Battalion at Cam Ranh Bay (GO 42, Headquarters, 4th Transportation Command (Terminal A)).

Effective 1 September, the following units were attached to the 63rd Transportation Company by GO 42, Headquarters 4th Transportation Command (Terminal A):

564th Transportation Platoon (LtTrk)

261st Transportation Detachment (JA)

263rd Transportation Detachment (JB)

162nd Transportation Detachment (LD)

567th Transportation Detachment (MHE)

Also on 1 September, the 670th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) (Platoon) was attached SO 135, Headquarters Nha Trang Area Support Command).

On 21 September the unit was released from attachment to the Provisional Transportation Battalion, Cam Ranh Bay and attached to the 10th Transportation Battalion (Terminal) at Cam Ranh Bay.

The general mission of the company was to provide transportation for port and beach clearance in the Nha Trang Area, occasional support of ROK and U.S. Combat Forces, line haul from Nha Trang to Cam Ranh Bay and Phan Rang, and a limited amount of administrative support in the area. Also, vehicles were called on to augment the trucking capabilities of Cam Ranh Bay at various times.

The company was involved in Operation Good Friend, approximately 7 to 10 October, which saw a ROK Marine Brigade arriving at Cam Ranh Bay in Viet Nam.

Two platoons were placed TDY to Qui Nhon Support Area from 5 September to 1 November in support of the 1st Cavalry Division and 101st Airborne. The primary mission of these platoons was line haul from Qui Nhon to Pleiku and An Khe.

From 4 thru 14 November, two platoons were utilized to move the base camp of the 101st Airborne from Don Bhe Thia to Phan Rang. Also the incoming brigade elements were picked up on the beach at Phan Rang upon their arrival from Qui Nhon, and transported to their new base camp.

On 5 November, Captain Donald H. Grenier, [REDACTED], TC, was reassigned to Headquarters 10th Transportation Battalion (Terminal), with duty at Nha Trang Outport. Lieutenant Jimmie D. Cox, [REDACTED], TC, assumed command.

On 5 December, Lieutenant Cox was reassigned to Headquarters, 4th Transportation Command (Terminal A) and Captain John J. Bitgood, [REDACTED], TC, assumed command.