

UNIT HISTORY

88th Transportation Company (Light Truck)

124th Transportation Battalion (Truck)

8th Transportation Group (Motor Transport)

1 January 1967 - 31 December 1967

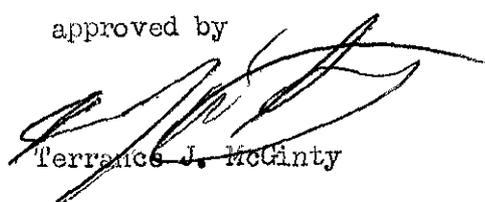
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88TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK)
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1. Introduction: During the period 1 January 1967 to 11 November 1967 the 88th Transportation Company was attached to the 88th Supply and Service Battalion, which is located about 4 miles east of the City of Pleiku. On 12 November 1967 the 88th Transportation Company was reassigned to the 124th Transportation Battalion of the 8th Transportation Group. During this past year the 88th Transportation Company amassed over 2,000,000 miles in direct support of all combat troops in Pleiku and Kontum Provinces. The 88th Transportation Company contributed significantly to the resupply of FSA Pheiffer during the Battle of Dakto.

2. Mission and Resources:

a. Mission: The mission of the 88th Transportation Company is to provide transportation for the movement of personnel, general cargo, packaged petroleum products and ammunition by motor transport, in both line haul and local haul operations, within II Corps tactical zone of operations.

b. Capabilities: At full strength, with 80 task vehicles making 2 round trips per day in support of tactical operations, a light truck company with the attached platoon could transport the following:

(1) For tactical support when equipped with $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks at 5 tons per truck with 80% availability: 640 short tons of cargo or 2560 passengers (based on 20 per vehicle).

(2) The "88" did not meet the standards set forth in subparagraph 1 for several reasons. The average assigned strength for the year was 140; 75 short of the TOE authorized strength. Secondly, the high deadline rate (average for the year 31%) coupled with the critical shortage of school trained mechanics contributed significantly to the reduction of the overall capabilities. Finally, the road conditions and enemy activities in the II Corps Tactical Zone hindered the overall transportation effort.

c. Organization: The "88" is organized with a company headquarters, maintenance section and 3 truck platoons with one attached truck platoons.

d. Personnel: This unit is authorized 169 enlisted personnel and 5 officers plus 45 enlisted and one officer in the attached platoon. Although the average strength for the year was 65% of authorized TOE, the company was required to provide a perimeter guard of 21 men per day.

e. Vehicles and Equipment: The average deadline rate for the year was 31%. Lack of mechanics and a critical shortage of repair parts (i.e. brake shoes, wheel seals, mufflers and tailpipes, were the primary causes. Following the monsoon season a definite decline in the deadline rate was noted. The deadline rate for the month of December was 19%.

f. Facilities: The 88th Transportation Company during the first quarter of 1967 were housed in tents. In April 1967 the unit moved into permanent billets at Camp Schmidt which consisted of three two story tropical buildings that has a housing capacity of 40 men on each floor. One building is used for the orderly room, supply, and day room.

3. Operations and Training:

a. In spite of the 88th Transportation Company's combat mission in 1967 this unit's training program was below the standards of CPT Terrance J. McGinty, who took command on 14 September 1967. He conducted mandatory safety classes prior to drivers going on convoy and lessons learned after their return. It was apparent the truckers heeded his teaching for they drove 170,000 miles during the last quarter without an accident.

b. The unit commander saw the need for well trained riflemen. CPT Terrance J. McGinty personally conducted marksmanship training, geared for the truckers using the one-hand firing techniques from the cab of a truck.

c. In doing this, the truckers of the 88th Transportation Company during the year 1967 received no casualties and defended themselves while driving in convoy.

d. The 88th Transportation Company during 1967 supported the 4th Infantry Division, the 173rd Airborne Brigade and one Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, as well as troops in the local area. The 88th Transportation Company has supported by resupply convoys, Operations Paul Revere III and IV, Picket, Sam Houston, Francis Marion, Horace Greely, and McArthur, all of which took place from April to November 1967.

e. During the battle of Dakto from 4 November 1967 thru 22 November the 88th Transportation Company hauled in excess of 4,050 tons of supplies.

4. Personnel and Administrative Activities:

a. On 13 September 1967 CPT Christopher B. Tyler rotated to CONUS and CPT Terrance J. McGinty assumed command. By this time the company was 55% below authorized strength; however, all available trucks were committed to support the FSA in Dakto.

b. Awards:

(1) Bronze Stars: The following named individuals received bronze stars for meritorious service in Vietnam:

(a) Harvey, Howard CPT [REDACTED]

(b) Salinas, Vilsen 1LT [REDACTED]

(2) Air Medal: The following named individual received the Air Medal:

(a) McGinty, Terrance J. CPT [REDACTED]

(3) Army Commendation Medal: The following named individuals received the Army Commendation Medal:

(a) Barta, Frank J. CW2 [REDACTED]

(b) Wilson, Eric G. 1LT [REDACTED]

(c) Davis, Sylvester SSG [REDACTED]

(4) Safe Driving Awards: During the year over 60 safe driving awards for accident free miles ranging from 5000 to 30,000 miles were awarded to members of this unit.

c. Command Changes:

(1) Captain Howard Harvey commanded the 88th Transportation Company from 1 January 1967 to 2 August 1967.

(2) Captain Christopher B. Elyer assumed command on 2 August 1967.

(3) Captain Terrance J. McGinty assumed command on 14 September 1967.

5. Logistical Activities:

(1) The biggest problem is the availability of replacement 2½ ton trucks. After the monsoon season many vehicles were classified salvage. New vehicles had to be requisitioned. To date, some of these requisitions have not been filled.

6. Special Events:

(a) The Annual General Inspection was held on 26 June 1967. The unit received an overall rating of superior.

(b) On 9 December 1967 this unit received its command maintenance management inspection. An overall score of satisfactory was received, with a 91% received in the area of tactical wheel vehicles.

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PLEIKU SUB AREA COMMAND
APO SF 96318

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 11

26 February 1967

1. TC 023. Following Organization/Unit DETACHED.

GOER Transportation Company (Provisional)
Rel Fr atch: Pleiku Sub Area Command
Eff date: 17 Feb 67 VOCO date cfm: 17 Feb 67
Auth: VOCO, PKSAC

2. TC 015. Following Unit ATTACHMENT directed as indicated this station.

GOER Transportation Company (Provisional)
Atch to: 88th S&S Bn
Eff date: 17 Feb 67 VOCO date cfm: 17 Feb 67
Auth: VOCO, PKSAC
Sp instr: Atch to 88th S&S Bn for all purposes. All personnel replacements and promotions will be provided by 8th TC Group until authorized TDA/TOE is approved.

88th Transportation Company (Lt Trk)
Atch to: 88th S&S Bn
Eff date: 17 Feb 67 VOCO date cfm: 17 Feb 67
Auth: VOCO, PKSAC
Sp instr: Atch for all purposes

28th Transportation Platoon (Lt Trk)
Atch to: 88th Transportation Company (Lt Trk)
Eff date: 17 Feb 67 VOCO date cfm: 17 Feb 67
Auth: VOCO, PKSAC
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14 September 1967

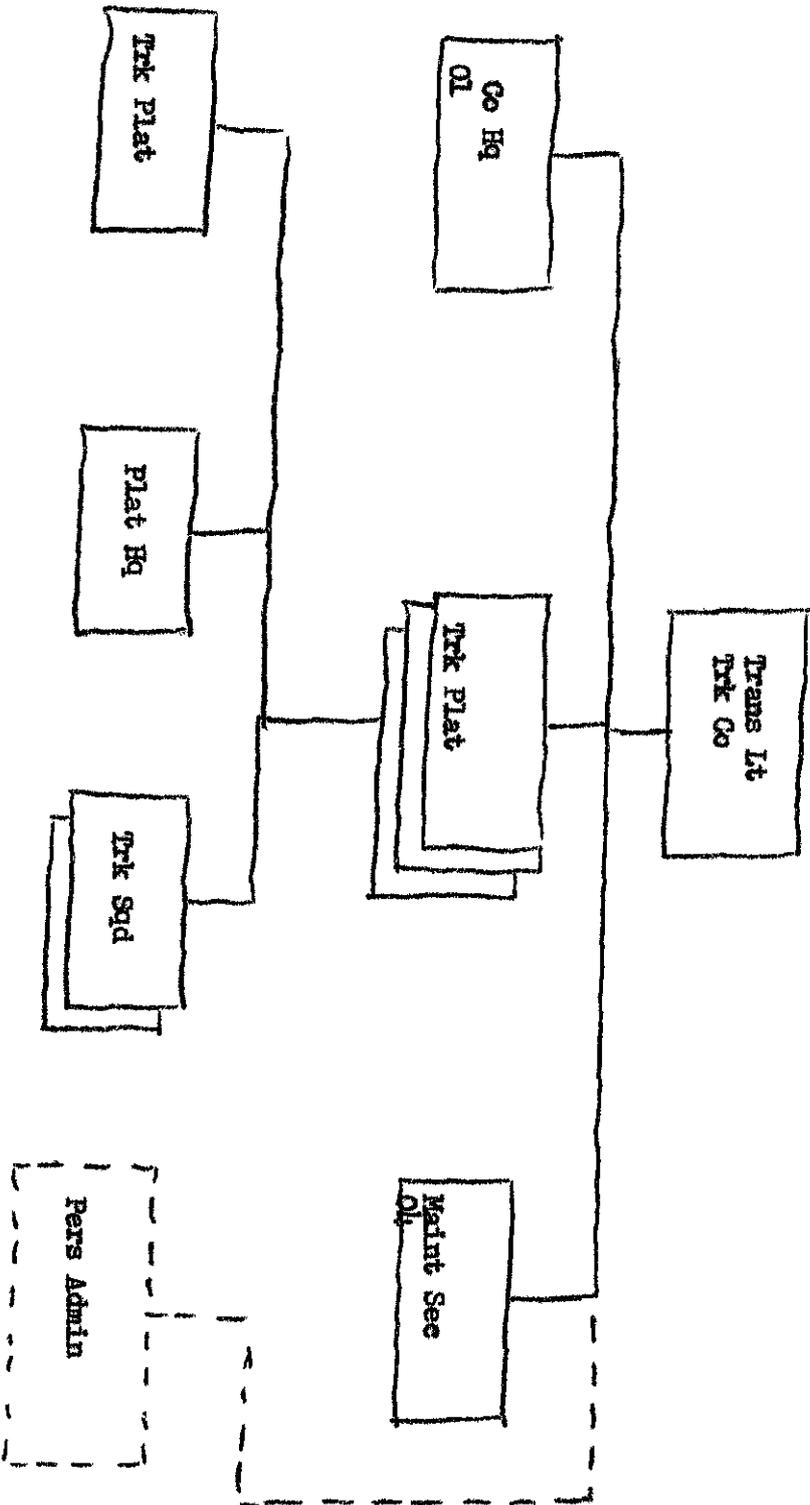
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