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10TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK)
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SUBJECT: Unit History Annual Supplement

TO: Commanding Officer
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Forwarded to your headquarters is the Annual Historical Summary of the 10th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) attached in 7 copies with 2 inclosures.

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ANNUAL HISTORICAL SUMMARY
10TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK)
1 JANUARY 1969 - 31 DECEMBER 1969

The company was designated the 10th Transportation Company on 1 Oct 59. It arrived at Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Vietnam on 7 Sep 65, and was assigned to the 7th Transportation Battalion. The unit is presently under the 48th Transportation Group (Motor Transport) stationed at Long Binh Post.

The mission of the 10th Transportation Company is to support the III and IVth Corps Tactical Zone by local and line haul operations. During the past year the company has rendered support to the 1st Infantry Division in Di An, Lai Khe, Quan Loi, and Dau Tieng; the 25th Infantry Division in Cu Chi, Tay Ninh, and Dau Tieng; the 9th Infantry in Bear Cat, Tan An, Dong Tam, and Vung Tau; the 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) at Phouc Vinh, and the Royal Australian Task at Nui Dat. From 25 Mar 69 to 15 Sep 69, the unit ran a beach operation in Dong Tam on a 24 hours basis with 10 task vehicle, 1 Officer, and 20 enlisted men. The company also participated in operation Keystone Eagle receiving a letter of commendation from the 9th Infantry Division.

Ton mileage held around 500,000 thru the year (see enclosure 2). Peak months were during March and April during the dry seasons. Poor road conditions, resulted in several convoys remaining overnight during most of the wet season freezing the company's assets. In October a convoy containing over half of the company's vehicles and day drivers was held in Phouc Vinh for 5 days due to a washed out road. However, as the rain ceased ton mileage once again increased. The figures in the latter month of the year are particularly impressed. At this time the company's overall strength dipped to around 70%, yet all commitments were met. The company had 2 major ambushes during the year. Both occurred on the Quan Loi convoy and took place on 17 July and 14 August. In both cases driver responded quickly and a minimum number of injuries were taken. As a result, 10 awards were given; 7 Bronze Stars were awarded with "V" device, 1 Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and 2 Purple Hearts.

During the year the company had 5 changes of command. On 3 January, CPT Charles D. Posta assumed command from CPT Robert J. Matthews. Subsequent commanders and dates they assumed command are as follows: 1LT Charles R. Benson, 6 May 69, CPT Arthur S. Greenberg, 23 May 69, CPT James O. Sample, 21 Jul 69, CPT Jerry G. Hall, 9 Dec 69.

During the year the company satisfactorily completed both the Annual General Inspection and the Command Maintenance and Management Inspection. The Annual General Inspection was held on 12 August 1969. On 20 October 1969, the Command Maintenance and Management Inspection was held with outstanding results. The company scored 95 on maintenance and 90 on management for the highest scores in the 1st Logistical Command for the year. In both cases long and hard hours by all personnel in the company were the key to success.

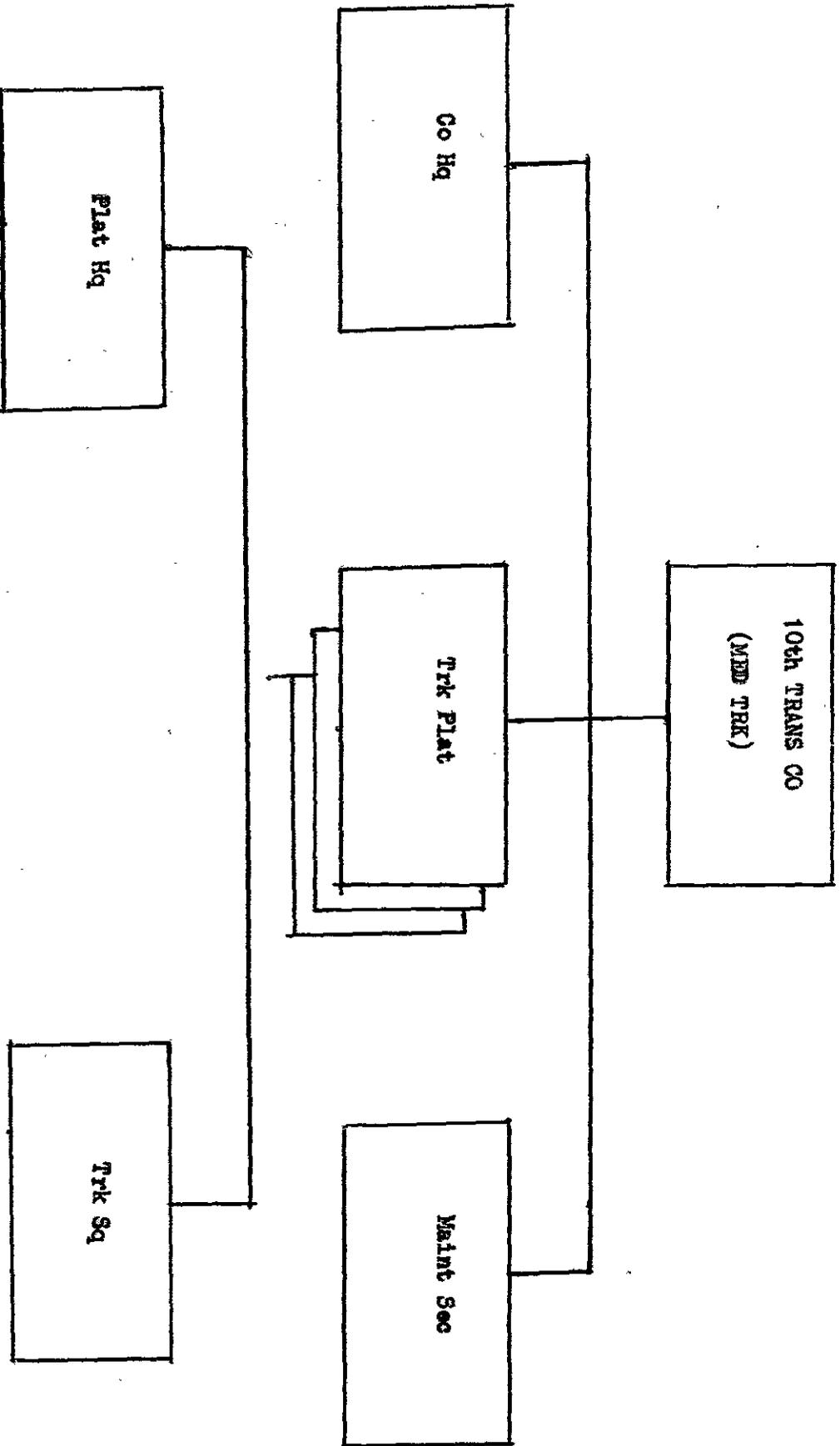
Annual Historical Summary (CONT)

The strength of the company has remained fairly stable. Average daily strength for the month reached a high of 154 in May and a low of 135 in the last 3 months of the year. Throughout the latter half of the year there was a pronounced shortage of noncommissioned officers. This problem was relieved as senior drivers were made acting sergeants and did an outstanding job. For all but 2 months of the year there was a shortage of 1 platoon leader. Since the largest turnover, which occurs in January involves 50% of the company's strength has not been solved, if it is projected, another strain on personnel in the latter half of 1970 will occur.

Since July 1969, the 48th Transportation Group has encouraged has encouraged competition between and with its battalion. The 10th Transportation Company has won more than an average share of the awards. The company won company of the month honors in September, October, and December, and also produced 2 soldiers of the month and 2 mechanics of the month in competition with 4 other companies. The company also received a letter of commendation for excellence for the Tay Ninh convoy of September 7 from BG Huron, Commanding General of Saigon Support Command.

Looking forward the company's mission has been enlarged somewhat. With the loss of the reefer platoon in December 1968, the 10th Transportation Company has been designated as the back up for the 379th Transportation Company (Reefer) whenever the company is on standdown or anytime extra vehicles are needed. It is also expected the company will move to more local commitments due to the withdrawal of the 1st Infantry Division.

TRANSPORTATION MEDIUM TRUCK COMPANY



Inclosure 1

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>TON-MILES</u>	<u>AVG STRENGTH</u>
JAN	17,224	53,318	231,229	145
FEB	18,538	97,393	402,137	152
MAR	22,885	136,158	611,541	152
APR	27,262	117,480	601,731	150
MAY	23,989	106,794	535,260	154
JUN	28,179	113,678	504,376	151
JUL	17,213	94,017	464,156	149
AUG	13,162	101,385	449,283	150
SEP	13,795	111,856	554,918	145
OCT	12,695	109,455	400,698	135
NOV	17,046	59,604	562,759	135
<u>DEC</u>	<u>15,571</u>	<u>70,345</u>	<u>611,827</u>	<u>135</u>
TOTAL	227,559	1,171,663	5,929,815	

Inclosure 2