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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
2ND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCKS)  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96226

SUBJECT: Annual Historical Summary  
1 January to 31 December 1969

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UNIT HISTORY

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1. Introduction

a. The 2d Transportation Company has been in Vietnam since September 1965. The company has performed in such a manner as to more exemplify its motto, "Second to None". The capability of the 2d Transportation Company has been proven by its performance in the four years it's served and supported in Vietnam.

2. Mission and Resources

a. Mission: The mission of the 2d Transportation Company is to provide transportation of general cargo by means of motor transport, more specifically the 2d Transportation Company supports ground units in the central highlands as far west as Dac To, north as Duc Pho, and south as Tuy Hoa. The 2d Transportation Company has played a big role in the movement of empty trailers to loading locations and the return of loaded trailers for convoy the next day.

b. Organization: The 2d Transportation Company is composed of a company headquarters, three truck platoons, a maintenance section and an operations section. We are organized under MTOE-55-18G which authorizes 60 5 ton tractors and 40 semi-trailers which are carried on the 8th Transportation Group consolidated property book, and 21 5,000 gallon tankers; authorized by USAFV letter dated 19 December 1969, Subject: Reporting and Accounting for Excess Equipment.

c. Capabilities and Utilization of Resources

1. With regard to security and road conditions the 2d Transportation Company makes one cargo line haul and participates in a triple-tanker turn around local haul daily.

2. When the 2d Transportation Company is involved in shuttle operations trucks are on the road 20 out of 24 hours per day due to the mission requirement. Due to a drain of available drivers for perimeter guard, special duties, and additional strength in the mess hall, maintenance, operations, and arms room, a driver shortage problem has only been defeated by utilization of every available man in the company. This has required clerks, mechanics, cooks and non-commissioned officers to drive 5 ton tractors. The 2d Trans Co has filled its commitments at all costs in order to move cargo and perform its mission.

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d. Personnel

Under our present MTOE the 2d Transportation Company is authorized 4 officers, 1 warrant officer and 166 enlisted men. Throughout the year we have been under staffed but never over staffed.

e. Facilities

1. A new indoor movie theater was constructed to accommodate all 2d Transportation Company personnel.

2. All bunkers were repaired and improved to provide increased security. This has been, and is still a continuing project of the 2d Transportation Company.

3. Operations and Training

a. During the 1969 year "Second to None" managed to drive 1,547,882 miles and move 62,793 short tons of cargo as well as 14,425,000 gal. of POL.

b. With increased enemy activity on the roads, more security was provided for convoys. Armored personnel carriers were mounted on 5 ton cargo trucks and equipped with 50 cal and M-60 machine guns. These gun trucks were received on lateral transfer to the 2d Transportation Company. Radios were obtained for gun trucks to provide more communication in the convoy and allow quicker, and more effective defense.

c. A system of regular gun truck crews initiated with special emphasis on the training of new crew members on convoy procedures, radios and weapons.

d. When the commitments for security for extra elements come up, volunteers were readily available. The 2d Transportation Company proved eager and showed a definite sense of urgency as proved by its pride in being first in all alerts and reaction to any action that may arise.

e. Classes on all types of weapons were given to all personnel in the 2d Transportation Company. Ambush techniques were thoroughly explained and mistakes were elaborated on.

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#### 4. Logistical Activities

Because of bad roads and the wear and tear involved in our line haul mission, maintenance has become a constant problem. The drivers combined with the second echelon have worked together expertly in order to keep the trucks "rolling". Regardless of these problems the drivers managed to keep the trucks on the road and in 1969, the 2d Transportation Company had 8 drivers go over the 30,000 accident free mile mark. The highest record was 52,000 accident free miles serving the 2d Transportation Company in Vietnam.

#### 5. Special Events

On 4 December 1969, a Support Command IG was held in the 2d Transportation Company. Our company was closely inspected, and due to the diligent work and Espirit de Corps of the men of "Second to None", the 2d Transportation Company received a satisfactory on this rigorous inspection.

In December, the 2d Transportation Company, also won approval for its distinctive company crest. Besides incorporating our company motto, "Second to None", the crest also symbolized the role of the company here in the Republic of Vietnam. "Wheels for Freedom" well elucidates the role of this company in the past as well as its present role in this struggle for freedom.

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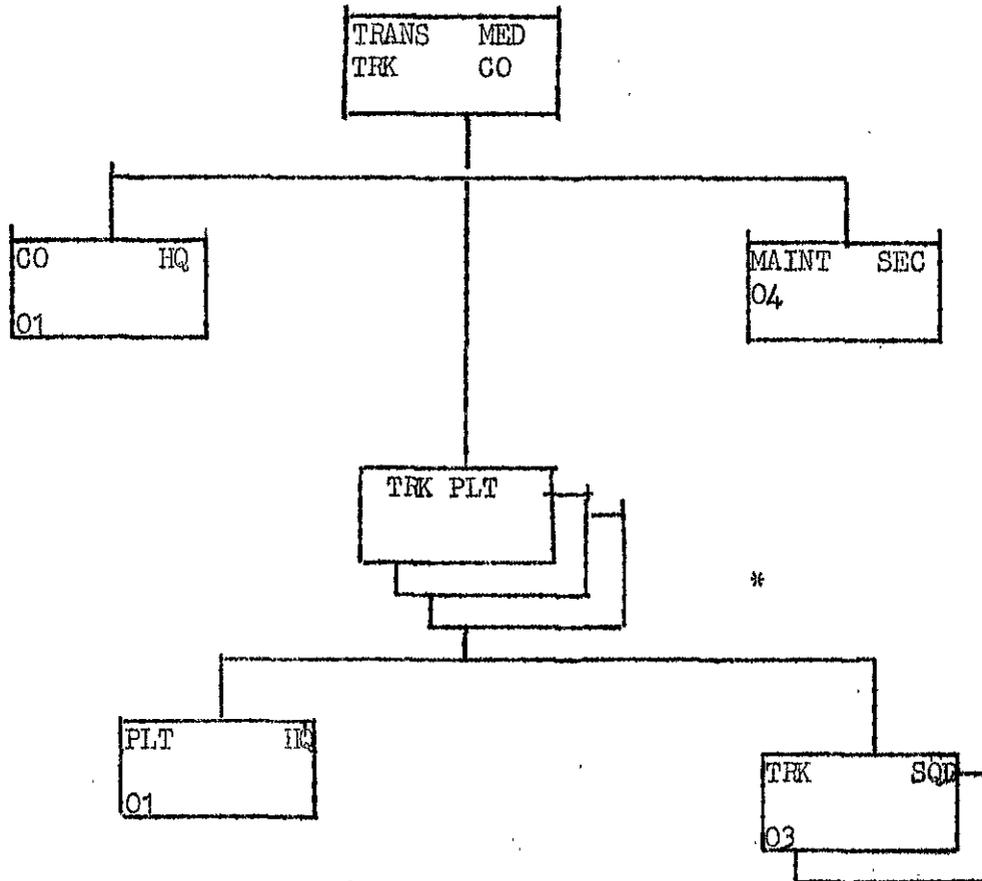
COMPANY COMMANDERS

1LT Edward H. Madden	13 Sep 68	to	9 Jan 69
1LT Milton A. Toratti	10 Jan 69	to	4 Jul 69
1LT Stephen H. Welch	5 Jul 69	to	23 Jul 69
1LT Robert E. Farley	24 Jul 69	to	14 Sep 69
CPT James R. Steel	15 Sep 69	to	31 Dec 69

1ST SERGEANT

1SG Nelson K. Makaanani	1 Jan 69	to	31 Dec 69
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\* The twenty-one 5,000 gal. POL tankers are assigned to one platoon.

CAPABILITIES

DAILY

12 ton S&P Trailers  
 5,000 gal POL tankers

360 s/tons  
 75,000 gal

Figures are based on 75% availability.