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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
2D TRANSPORTATION GROUP (PROVISIONAL)  
APO San Francisco 96259

EAKSP-SC

SUBJECT: Unit History/Annual Supplement

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1. References

- a. AR 870-5
- b. USARPAC Reg 870-5
- c. EA Reg 870-5

2. In accordance with the above references, the attached CY 1970 Unit History/Annual Supplement for the 2D Transportation Group (Provisional) is submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES DURING 1970

GROUP COMMANDER

Colonel Thomas O'Donohue  
LTC Joseph W. Reed, Jr.

23 Mar 70 - Sep 70

DEPUTY COMMANDER

LTC Joseph W. Reed, Jr.

1 May 70 - Present

GROUP S-1

CW4 Rafael S. Acosta

23 Mar 70 - Present

GROUP S2/3

LTC Richard F. Johnson

23 Mar 70 - Present

GROUP S-4

Major Jack Duvall  
CPT Robert DeLong

23 Mar 70 - 14 Nov 70  
15 Nov 70 - Present

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ CO, 2D Trans Co

CPT Samuel Frank  
CPT Robert E. DeLong Jr.  
LT John W. Dickerson Jr.

23 Mar 70 - 22 May 70  
23 May 70 - 15 Nov 70  
16 Nov 70 - Present

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

CSM Leon L. Bidell Jr.  
CSM Robert Bloomfield

1 May 69 - 12 May 70  
15 May 70 - Present

## UNIT HISTORY/ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT

1970

### HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 2D TRANSPORTATION GROUP (PROVISIONAL)

#### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In March 1970, the major US Army logistical structure within the Republic of Korea underwent reorganization, eliminating duplications of logistical support headquarters and realizing units within the new logistical command that became known as Korea Support Command (Provisional).

Under the authority of General Order Number 12, dated 23 March 1970, Headquarters, Korea Support Command (Provisional), the 2d Transportation Group (Provisional) was formed. The group had previously been designated 2d Transportation Command (Terminal B), and had been an integral part of Pusan Base Command, organized under Eighth United States Army Depot Command/Eighth United States Army Rear. However, with the formation of the 2d Transportation Group (Provisional), the 2d Transportation Command (Terminal B), and Pusan Base Command, were attached to the 2d Transportation Group (Provisional), pending their inactivation by the Department of the Army.

The 2d Transportation Group is currently in a "provisional unit", pending the approval of the proposed Modification to Table of Organization and Equipment 55-112G, submitted on 30 April 1970. The HHC of the 2d Transportation Group is authorized nine (9) Officers, 34 enlisted personnel, one (1) Department of the Army Civilian and 18 Direct Hire Local Nationals.

## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Headquarters and Headquarters, 2d Transportation Group (Provisional) is located on Hialeah Compound, Pusan, Korea. However, units assigned to the group are located from far north as Musan, Republic of Korea, and far south as Pusan, Korea.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE GROUP

The 2d Transportation Group (Provisional), consists of two Transportation Terminal Battalions (70th Trans Bn and 202d Trans Bn), which operate the two major US Army waterterminals in the Republic of Korea, (Pusan and Inchon); one Transportation Truck Battalion, which provides common-user line haul transportation from the Inchon/ASCOM area to the US Forces stationed in Seoul and I Corps Group area; one Transportation Center (Movement Control), which provides movement control and traffic management service throughout the Republic of Korea, and one aviation detachment, which provides helicopter service to the group for command and control of subordinate units.

## MISSION

Command, control and supervise all US Army land transportation units in the Republic of Korea; plan, program and provide centralized management of transportation services in Eighth Army for the movement of cargo and personnel; operate the US Army Ports at Inchon, Pusan, Suyong, and Pohang; serve as a single point of contact for commercial and military line haul transportation; control US Army owned rail cars and account for and control CONEX Transporter and commercial sea vans movement for US Forces in the Republic of Korea.

The year 1970 provided numerous challenges for the 2d Transportation Group (Provisional). The first of these challenges involved reorganization from a Base Command that previously had been responsible for general logistical support of US Forces in the southern portion of the Republic of Korea, to an organization that provides transportation service for US Forces throughout the Republic of Korea.

Immediately upon reorganization the group headquarters immediately became involved in logistical studies designed to streamline the logistical operation within the Pacific Command. These studies, although classified at the time, had a far reaching impact on the operations of the two major US Army water terminals within the Republic of Korea, and are scheduled to be fully implemented during the year 1971. Coupled with these studies to streamline the operation of two US Army water terminals, within the command, the group was busy preparing new policies and procedures guidance to the units assigned to the group.

Less than one month after the 2d Transportation Group (Provisional) was formed the Headquarters and Headquarters Company underwent a Korea Support Command Annual General Inspection held on 13 April 1970. The HHC, 2d Transportation Group received an overall rating of satisfactory during this inspection (AGI). Another Korea Support Command Annual General Inspection was held on 10 December 1970. The HHC, 2d Transportation Group received a rating of satisfactory in every area except supply.

In May 1970, the group began planning and preparation for Republic of Korea Army over the Shore Exercise (OSDEX 70) which was held during the period 23 - 25 June 1970. Although OSDEX 70 was primarily a Republic of Korea Army exercise, the 2d Transportation Group was tasked to provide watercraft, material handling equipment, and wheeled vehicles in support

of this exercise. Also, the group was tasked to train Republic of Korea Army personnel to operate the US Army watercraft and material handling equipment that was used during the exercise. During the actual exercise (OSDEK 70), the 2d Air Transportation Group provided more than 100 personnel in support roles to the ROKA.

In September, the 2d Transportation Group began its preparation for the US/UNC exercise FOCUS LENS 70, which was conducted during the month of October. It was during the exercise that the 2d Transportation Group gained experience in working jointly with the Republic of Korea Army, 3d Transportation Port Command. Throughout Exercise FOCUS LENS 70 the 2d Transportation Group/3d Transportation Port Command, ROKA Staff worked to identify problem areas associated with the US/ROK Armies working together in a common area, (port operation). The exercise, was a great success and created a better understanding between the 2d Transportation Group Staff and the staff of the 3d Transportation Port Command (ROKA).

In October 1970, the United Nations Command held a United Nations Day Ceremony in the UN cemetery located in Pusan, Korea. Preparation for this UN Day Ceremony was arranged by the 2d Transportation Group. The actual ceremony involved representation from the various United Nations that fought in the Republic of Korea during the Korean War.

Included among the more than 80 distinguished visitors was the Mayor of Los Angeles, Mayor Sam Yorty. The participants in the ceremony were:

Major General Felix M. Roger, USAF, senior member, United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission - Host Speaker.

Minister Jung Jae Hiuk, Republic of Korea Minister of National Defense Guest Speaker

His Excellency MG Chote Klongvitha, UNCURK - Speaker

Colonel Tillman C. Oliver, Commanding Officer, 2d Transportation Group (Provisional) - Master of Ceremonies.

Captain Robert E. DeLong, 2d Transportation Group (Provisional),  
Commander of Troops

Republic of Korea, Logistical Base Command Military Band

Honor Guard from the 2d US Infantry Division

Thailand Honor Guard, from I Corps Group

Approximately Forty (40) representatives of Korean and American newspapers were present. The Ceremony was also covered by the Korean and American Armed Forces television network in ROK.