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THE 363d TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM)  
(1973)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
363rd Transportation Company (Medium Truck)  
Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640

AHBOGC-363

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TO: Commander  
U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry  
ATTN: AHBOGC-P  
Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640

Annual Historical Summary  
363rd Transportation Company (Medium Truck)  
1 January 1972 to 31 December 1972

1. **Actions Affecting Units and Activities:** The 367th Transportation Company (Light Truck) was deactivated on 21 June 1972 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Colonel Robert J. Allee, Commander of Headquarters Command, furled the 367th guidon. Captain Harold J. Gerber was the last commander of the 367th. The men and equipment of the deactivated 367th Transportation Company were transferred to the 363rd Transportation Company (Medium Truck) on the same day. The 363rd had been relocated from RVN to Fort Dix. Although a medium truck company, the 363rd operated with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks throughout the remainder of the year while gradually receiving 5-ton tractors and trailers. The 363rd took over the mission of the 367th.

2. **Changes in Missions and Functions:** The mission of the unit is to provide transportation for the movement of general cargo and personnel by motor transport principally in and about Fort Dix, New Jersey.

3. **Training:**

a. **Basic Combat Training and Combat Support Training:** Not applicable.

b. **Reserve Training:**

(1) **Extent to which reserve training is supported by the unit or activity:** The unit motor pool and orderly room was made available to the transportation companies of the 76th and 78th Divisions.

(2) **Workload statistics:** Not applicable.

(3) **Reserve units involved:** The transportation companies of the 76th and 78th Divisions.

(4) **Exercises/ceremonies held:** None.

c. **Unit Training (STRAF/REFORGER) as applicable:**

(1) **FTX, ATT and/or alerts to improve readiness posture:** Field training exercises were held in June and July. The unit met its commitments from the field. Two alerts were held during the year.

(2) **Major problems encountered throughout the reporting period:** The loss of personnel to TDY stations made effective training difficult. At one time 15% of the company was TDY.

(3) **Major changes in training procedures:** None.

(4) **Post support responsibilities:** Not applicable.

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4. Administration:

- a. Changes in Services Rendered: None.
- b. Changes in Programs: Not applicable.
- c. Workload Statistics: An average of 16 trucks per day were put on the road.
- d. Reductions in Force: Not applicable.
- e. Labor-Management Relations: Not applicable.
- f. Significant Events: The deactivation and relocation mentioned above. The change of command noted below.
- g. Internal Improvements: Not applicable.
- h. Significant personnel Changes: On 21 April Captain Harold J Gerber replaced Captain Michael D. Freedman as the commander. On 31 July WO2 Ezekiel J. Thomas, maintenance officer, retired after 20 years service.

5. Logistics: Not applicable.

6. Operations and Exercises: On 24 June the company was brought to a one hour alert status to support flood relief activities. One of the hardest hit areas in Pennsylvania was Wilkes-Barre and on 25 June the 363rd support effort began. Captain Harold J. Gerber led a convoy of 17 men and seven trucks to Jersey City, New Jersey. There they loaded flour onto the trucks and moved out to Wilkes-Barre. The convoy returned to Fort Dix at 1130 hours on 26 June. Again on 27 June, six trucks departed for the Wilkes-Barre area carrying beds, food, water, and radios. They returned at 0630 hours on 28 June. The unit continued to send drivers until the crisis period ended. The unit supported the presidential inauguration preparations by sending four drivers TDY to the Washington, D.C. area.

7. Internal Improvements: The unit moved from building 5402 to building 5502 on Fort Dix.

8. Visitors: None.

9. Community Relations: The unit continues to support the Boy and Girl Scouts on Fort Dix by providing transportation and equipment. The unit sponsors a Little League baseball team. The men of the unit continue to support the American Indian child they "adopted" several years ago. For Armed Forces Day the unit put on a display of four vehicles. Four parade trucks were also provided that day. On Memorial Day the unit sent out 26 trucks to parades in various communities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The unit supports the recycling efforts of the students of John F. Kennedy High School in Willingsboro, New Jersey by providing them one truck per week during the school year to haul waste paper, glass, cans, etc.

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10. Key Headquarters Personnel as of 31 December:

CPT Harold J Gerber	Commander
2LT Leslie N Gordan	Platoon Leader
2LT Hugh T McAleavy	Platoon Leader
1SG Dallas Cox	First Sergeant

HAROLD J GERBER  
CPT, TC  
Commanding