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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
512TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LT TRK)
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1. The 512th Transportation Company was activated on 1 June 1966 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky by General Orders Number 156 dated 29 April 1966. The company was commanded by Captain Gerald M. Kirsch and the First Sergeant was SFC Joseph A. Parent Jr. It had three Platoon Leaders, 1LT Robert R. Mann, 2LT Joseph S B Jenkins, and 2LT Gary C. Gray, and one Maintenance Officer WO1 Billy G. Capps.

2. During the company's training period at Fort Campbell it was controlled by the 500th Transportation Group. The training for overseas movement, which lasted 7 weeks, was conducted with the help of the 3d Bde, 101st Airborne which trained the personnel in the unit in basic infantry training for Vietnam. The driver and transportation training was conducted by the unit itself under the supervision of the 500th Transportation Group.

3. After the unit's training period, which ended 13 August, the unit spent four weeks in preparation for movement which included packing of equipment for shipment, obtaining items which the unit had a shortage on, shipping of the unit's M54A2 5 ton cargo trucks by rail and truck to port for shipment, and required preparation for overseas movement leave.

4. The main body of the unit departed Fort Campbell on 27 September by commercial aircraft for Oakland, California to board the USNS General William Weigel for shipment to Vietnam. The advance party left Fort Campbell on 2 October for flight to Vietnam on 3 October where the unit set up its base camp at Camp Addison under the 54th Transportation Battalion, 8th Transportation Group.

5. The unit prepared its base camp until it's equipment arrived in the middle of November. Upon arrival of equipment the unit began hauling cargo to An Khe, Pleiku, Phu Cat, and Bong Son in support of the 1st Air Cav, 25th Infantry Division, and the 4th Infantry Division in their operations in these areas. From 5 December to 13 December one platoon

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was sent TDY to Pleiku to support the 101st Airborne in Operation Pickett in the Kontum area.

6. During the first month and one half this unit had the highest availability rate of vehicles in the 54th Battalion. At one period in December the unit had an availability of 98% of its task vehicles available for commitment.



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