

UNIT HISTORY

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1. The year of 1968 for 669th Transportation Company was a good and prosperous year. We met the North Vietnamese Army at their game of ambush. During the first six months we were hit once a month. The second half of the year brought only one ambush to the 669th Transportation Company. Sniper's fire was a continuous threat to the convoy and charlies' mines got four trucks. Enemy action took the life of only one 669 soldier in 1968.

2. Through out the year our convoys ran to Duc Pho Landing Zone, English Landing Zone, Uplift, AnKhe, Pleiku, Kontun, Dak To, and Song Cau. In April we began support of a large number of Korean firebases located near Qui Nhon. In December we began to run south to Tuy Hoa on Convoy. Roads throughout Vietnam were dusty or muddy depending on the time of the year. Potholes in the roads sometimes took all four wheels of a jeep. 1968 did bring the completion of pavement to Landing Zone English and the completion of pavement to Pleiku. However the monsoons of September and the heavy trucks broke up the road again. Work again was begun on the road to Pleiku in December.

The best moral booster for the troops were armored gun trucks. During 1968 they came through with their own success in breaking up ambushes.

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2½ ton cargoes were not durable enough to carry the weight of the armored gun trucks so 5 tons were used extensively after June. Also in June the first 50 caliber machine gun was mounted on a armored gun truck and by December all the armored gun trucks had the 50 caliber machine gun mounted on them. The ratio of gun trucks to cargo trucks was changed from 1-20 to 1-10. This came about because we weren't getting replacements for our losses. This resulted in a decrease in ambushes and no lives lost.

3. As can be seen from the last six months schedule of tons hauled and miles driven the loss in cargo trucks without getting replacements hurt the company's performance. We lost 25 cargo trucks from July to December and failed to receive a single replacement that was new. By September our trucks were creating at between 60,000 and 70,000 miles each and without replacements our capacity fell. The first six months were much the same as July and August but the figures were unavailable.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Tons Hauled</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>
July	4,681	177,708
August	4,368	179,688
September	3,681	148,725
October	4,895	113,784
November	3,569	131,001
December	<u>1,440</u>	<u>87,425</u>
Total	22,634	838,401

1968 closed out with 125 personnel and only 25 cargo trucks. We were pulling 50% of the ~~general~~<sup>guard</sup> force for Camp Addison and the 54th Transportation Battalion but our hauling capacity had been cut greatly. We looked forward to 1969 with hope of filling our TOE and TA to become the leading company in the 54th Transportation Battalion again.

  
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