1965

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
6TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK)
Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604

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SUBJECT: Unit History and Annual Supplement for 1965.

TO: Headquarters, Department of the Army
Chief of Military History
Washington, D.C.

The following is the Annual Supplement Unit History for Calendar year 1965, prepared and forwarded in accordance with AR 870-5.

The mission of the 6th Transportation Battalion (Truck) is to provide command and supervision of units engaged in all types of motor transport, support of tactical units, port of beach clearance, depot and terminal operations, and line hauls. This battalion underwent no major changes in mission or function in 1965.

In January, the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment was augmented with the addition of one Personnel Officer and one Personnel Specialist. This increased the authorized strength to seven officers, two warrant officers and thirty-four enlisted men. Also, in January SMAJ Clifton Young Sr. departed this organization for an overseas tour to Korea and was replaced by SMAJ George Godzak. 1st Lt Frederick A. Hanson assumed duties of S-3 and 1st Lt Alan B. Coleman assumed duties of assistant S-3.

During the period 23 Feb - 1 Mar 65, the Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment participated in an Operational Readiness Test and an Army Training Test, receiving an overall rating of superior.

In March, 1st Lt Frederick A. Hanson was reassigned to the 555th Ordnance Company (DAS) and was replaced by 1st Lt Alan B. Coleman. On 11 & 12 March, the Battalion Headquarters received its Annual General Inspection and was given a rating of excellent. The following day Lt Col James E. Coberly, the Battalion Commander, departed for an overseas tour and Lt Col Eugene J. Braun assumed command of the Battalion.

In April, 1st Lt John N. Yedinak, Assistant S-3 was relieved from active duty after completion of his obligated tour.

In May, 1st Lt's David L. Mazzaferro & Donald R. Lamison were relieved from active duty after completion of their obligated tours.

The Second U. S. Army CMMI team inspected the Battalion Headquarters on 20 May and rendered an overall rating of Excellent.

On 25 May, Captain Joe N. Cunningham joined this organization and assumed duties of S-3.

On 1 June, the 61st Transportation Company (Medium Truck-Petroleum) the 62nd Transportation Company (Medium Truck-Cargo) and the 63rd Transportation Company (Light Truck) were detached and further attacted to the 27th Transportation Battalion (Truck). Also on 1 June, the 157th Transportation Detachment (CDS), the 158th Transportation Detachment (CDS), the 105th Transportation Company (TS), the 264th Transportation Company (TS), the 285th Transportation Company (TS), the 329th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat) and the 1099th Transportation Company (Medium Boat) were attached to this Battalion for all purposes. The 105th Transportation Company (TS) was later relieved from attachment and further attached to the 159th Transportation Battalion (Boat) on 17 June 1965.

Later in the month, the 168th Transportation Detachment, the 266th Transportation Detachment (Patrol Boat) and the 275th Transportation Detachment (Patrol Boat) were attached for all purposes.

The Battalion Headquarters gained two officers and one non-commissioned officer while loosing one officer during this month. Captain Kenneth J. Dacas assumed duties of Adjutant and S-1 and Captain Albert N. Heffner assumed duties of S-3. Captain Joe N. Cunningham S-3 was reassigned to Headquarters & Headquarters Company, USATC&FE while SFC Wilfred Couture assumed duties of Personnel Sergeant.

During July, the following units were attached to this battalion.

73d Transportation Company (FC)
Beach Reconnaissance & Amphibious Detachment (BRAT)
163d Transportation Detachment (FC)
267th Transportation Detachment (LC)
268th Transportation Detachment (Supply)
269th Transportation Detachment (Supply)
272d Transportation Detachment (FC)
273d Transportation Detachment (FC)
274th Transportation Detachment (FC)
331st Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
355th Transportation Detachment (Barge)
380th Transportation Detachment (Barge)

388th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
358th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
384th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
386th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
387th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
389th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
414th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
110th Transportation Company (DEPOT)

The following units were relieved from attachment during the month of July.

73d Transportation Company (FC)
Beach Reconnaissance & Amphibious Detachment (BRAT)
163d Transportation Detachment (FC)
214th Transportation Detachment (Crane)
272d Transportation Detachment (FC)
355th Transportation Detachment (Barge)
380th Transportation Detachment (Barge)
264th Transportation Company (TS)

Two officers were assigned to this battalion upon the departure of Major Ernest C. Phillips, Executive Officer who was transferred to the 507th Transportation Group. Captain Moses R. Green assumed duties of S-3 and captain James F. Miner assumed duties of assistant S-3.

SMAJ Earl R. Garden joined the battalion as a future replacement for SMAJ George Godzak, scheduled for an overseas tour to Korea. SFC Peter Tereska was transferred to the 48th Transportation Group and was replaced by SFC William J. Reed.

During August and September, the following units were attached to the battalion.

469th Transportation Detachment (BLD)
62d Transportation Company (Mdm Trk)
241st Transportation Company (DEPOT)
555th Ordnance Company (DAS)
168th Transportation Detachment (Stevodore)

The following units departed this battalion for overseas areas during August & September.

62d Transportation Company (Mdm Trk)
266th Transportation Detachment (Patrol Boat)
168th Transportation Detachment (Stevodore)

275th Transportation Detachment (Patrol Boat)
358th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
384th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
386th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
389th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
414th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
469th Transportation Detachment (BDL)
1099th Transportation Company (Mdm Boat)

During September, the following units were released from attachment to this battalion.

329th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat)
267th Transportation Detachment (LC)
269th Transportation Detachment (Supply)
273d Transportation Detachment (FC)
331st Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
388th Transportation Detachment (Tug Crew)
285th Transportation Company (TS)

One officer was assigned to this battalion and one officer was transferred to another unit during the month of August. Warrant Officer Vernon L. Saunder assumed duties of Battalion Maintenance Officer and Captain Albert R. Heffner was transferred to the Transportation School.

In September, Chief Warrant Officer Marion L. Hardbarger joined the battalion and assumed duties of Battalion Maintenance Officer, replacing Warrant Officer Vernon L. Saunder who was programmed for an overseas tour.

Three units departed this battalion for overseas areas in October. They were: 110th Transportation Company (Depot), 268th Transportation Detachment (Supply) and the 387th Transportation Detachment (Floating Crane).

The 157th Transportation Detachment (CDS) & the 158th Transportation Detachment (CDS) were releived from attachment in this month.

On 9 December, the 264th Transportation Company (TS) was attached to this battalion .

On 22 December, the 157th Transportation Detachment (CDS) and the U. S. Army Support Element Terminal Training were attached for personnel administration and morning report purposes.

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In October, Captain Kenneth J. Dacas, Adjutant, was transferred to the 507th Transportation Group and was replaced by 2nd Lt Joseph A. Fryc.

Captain William K. Doran joined the battalion and assumed duties of S-4.

SMAJ George Godzak departed for Korea and SMAJ Earl R. Garden assumed duties of Battalion Sergeant Major.

MSGT George Ledbetter joined the battalion and assumed duties of Operations Sergeant.

On 10 December, Captain James D. O'Bryan joined the battalion and assumed duties of S-4 Officer. Captain William K. Doran, S-4, then assumed duties of S-3 and Captain Moses R. Green, S-3, assumed duties of Executive Officer.

On 17 December, 1st Lt William H. Jackson joined the battalion and assumed duties of assistant S-3 Officer.

On 27 December, SFC Leo Simas departed the battalion for an overseas assignment to Thailand.

As evidenced in this report, this battalion had many units under its Command in 1965. It also deployed a large number of units to overseas areas.

One major problem confronted this battalion in 1965. The great amount of junior officer and enlisted turbulence hampered this battalions ability to effectively train and utilize these personnel.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

JOSEPH A. FRYC
2nd Lt, TC
Adjutant