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HISTORY OF THE
805TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK)
1 January 1969 - 31 December 1969

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ORIGIN

The 805th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) was constituted 8 April 1944 in the Army of the United States as 805th Army Marine Ship Repair Company. It was activated 10 April 1944 at Camp John J. Knight, San Francisco, California. On 2 July 1947 the Company was redesignated as 805th Transportation Army Marine Ship Repair Company. The Company was inactivated 25 October 1949 at Yokohama, Japan. The unit is credited with campaign participation during World War II in New Guinea.

REDESIGNATION

The Company was redesignated as the 805th Transportation Company and allocated to the Regular Army on 18 January 1966. It was activated 25 March 1966 at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

BACKGROUND

The 805th Transportation Company (Light Truck) arrived in Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam on 13 October 1966. The Company was attached to the Vung Tau Sub-Area Command for all purposes on 15 October 1966.

On 15 November 1966 the 3rd Platoon was attached to Headquarters, Can Tho Forward Support Area, now Logistical Support Activity, Can Tho.

The 62nd Transportation Detachment (Medium Truck) was attached to the 805th for all purposes on 17 November 1966. On 30 June 1967, the 805th was attached to 2nd Maintenance Battalion (DS) for all purposes, less operational control. Operational control of the unit was retained by the 53rd General Support Group Director of Transportation.

On 20 July 1967 the 3rd Platoon of the 805th was attached to the 51st Maintenance Company (Lt) (DS) for all purposes except operational control, which rests with the LSA Commander. The 62nd Transportation Detachment was detached from the 805th on 1 September 1967. The 10th Transportation Detachment was attached to the 805th for all purposes on 1 October 1967 and detached on 12 December 1967.

In July 1969 the 805th Transportation Company was moved to the I Corps to assume the mission of the 630th Transportation Company (Medium Truck), which redeployed to CONUS. The advance party of the 805th arrived in Phu Bai on 9 July 1969, with the main body arriving by air on 14 July 1969. Unit equipment was shipped by LST and arrived at Tan My ramp on 15 July 1969. Unit personnel also accompanied the equipment on the LST on its way to Tam My. The unit was officially assigned to the 39th Transportation Battalion (Truck) on 22 July 1969 by 26th General Support Group General Order Number 33, dated 22 July 1969. Although organized as a light truck company under TOE 55-176, the 805th is operating as a medium truck company.

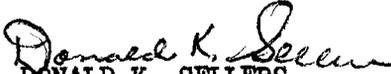
With the exception of four one-quarter ton trucks and one five ton wrecker which accompanied the unit to Phu Bai, all of the units equipment was returned to supply channels prior to arrival at Phu Bai. The vehicles and equipment of the redeploying 630th Transportation Company have been transferred to the 805th. The unit took over all operations from the 630th Transportation Company on 20 July 1969.

LOCATION

The 805th Transportation Company is located fifty-four miles north of DaNang on Highway QL-1 at the 26th General Support Group Headquarters in Phu Bai. The company consists of 34 buildings; 28 in the company area and two in the motor pool. A new motor pool was acquired in December 1969, which has greatly improved the moral of the company. The motor pool is located adjacent to the 26th General Support Group Headquarters.

MISSION

The 805th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) has a line haul mission. During the months of July 1969 through September 1969, the Company was involved in moving supplies to the 101st Airborne Division troops located in A-Shaw Valley. The 805th trucks, better known as the "Gearjammers," can be seen on the highway from DaNang to Dong Ha, which is located in the northernmost part of I Corps.


DONALD K. SELLERS
CPT, TC
Commanding

805TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK)

LIST OF KEY PERSONNEL
1 January 1969 - 31 December 1969

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
CPT JAMES O. SAMPLE	27 Aug 68	28 May 69
CPT WESLEY R. OSTERGREN	28 May 69	7 Oct 69
1LT JOHN D. TALIAFERRO	7 Oct 69	8 Dec 69
CPT DONALD K. SELLERS	8 Dec 69	

First Sergeants

1SG ALBERT J. HILLIARD	19 Nov 69	26 May 69
1SG MARSHALL W. LEMONS	26 May 69	5 Sep 69
1SG GERALD L. TOLLER	3 Sep 69	

Maintenance Officers

CW2 HERMAN B. PARSONS	7 Sep 68	21 Aug 69
CW2 ROBERT J. NEWTON	21 Aug 69	15 Oct 69
1LT WILLIAM C. ROSS	15 Oct 69	21 Nov 69
CW2 PAUL D. MICHAELIS	21 Nov 69	

Truckmasters

SFC ELVIS J. McCULLOUGH	15 Jul 68	18 Jan 69
SFC DANIEL P. BRADLY	18 Jan 69	26 May 69
SSG BLENN V. HANKINS	26 May 69	13 Jun 69
SFC HENRY A. WASHINGTON	13 Jun 69	28 Aug 69
SFC VERNON T. BAILEY	28 Aug 69	

Platoon Leaders

1LT DAVID S. TINKER	7 Sep 68	20 Aug 69
1LT DAVID E. LONG	25 Nov 68	4 Jul 69
1LT RODNEY E. THORSON	6 Jul 69	21 Aug 69
1LT JOHN D. TALIAFERRO	4 Jul 69	7 Oct 69
1LT WILLIAM C. ROSS	11 Sep 69	
1LT CHARLES L. KEY	9 Oct 69	
1LT JEFFREY R. GATES	7 Oct 69	

LOGISTICS

The following statistics have been compiled by the "Gearjammers" of the 805th Transportation Company since arriving in I Corps.

<u>Month</u>	<u>S/Ton</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>Ton Miles</u>
July 1969	18,182	2539	347,814
August 1969	19,627	5290	335,628
September 1969	15,893	6982	359,685
October 1969	12,427	6400	430,682
November 1969	12,513	6340	322,060
December 1969	<u>9,868</u>	<u>3457</u>	<u>320,116</u>
TOTALS:	88,510	31,008	2,115,985