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UNIT HISTORY

88th Transportation Company (Medium Truck Cargo)

27th Transportation Battalion (Truck)

8th Transportation Group (Motor Transport)

1 January 1968 - 31 December 1968

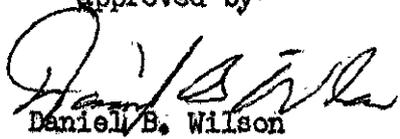
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
88TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK CARGO)  
APO 96294

CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY  
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1. Introduction: During the period 1 January 1968 to 30 April 1968 the 88th Transportation Company was a light truck company in direct support of combat troops in Pleiku and Kontum Provinces. On 30 April 1968 the unit was reorganized as a medium truck company by HQ USARPAC, General Orders #69. In July 1968 the unit was moved to An Khe, Binh Dinh Province, RVN, Camp Radcliff. On 29 September 1968 the unit was reassigned from the 124th Transportation Battalion located in Pleiku to the 27th Transportation Battalion located in Qui Nhon. The 28th Transportation Platoon (Light Truck) remained attached to the 88th Transportation Company throughout the year.

2. Mission and Resources:

a. Mission: The mission of the 88th Transportation Company is to provide transportation for the movement of general cargo by motor transport within the II Corps Zone of operations.

b. Capabilities: The in-country line haul capability is noted at 990 short tons daily utilizing 75% of the authorized tactical equipment.

c. Organization: The 88th Transportation Company is organized into a company headquarters, maintenance section and three truck platoons with one attached light truck platoon.

d. Personnel: The unit is authorized 178 enlisted and 5 officers plus 1 officer and 45 enlisted men in the attached light truck platoon. The average strength for the year was 85% of TOE authorization. The unit also provided an average 25 perimeter guards per day.

e. Vehicles and Equipment: The deadline rate for the year was 9.6%. This can be attributed to adverse weather conditions, extremely rough roads and Logistical problems within Vietnam.

f. Facilities: In Pleiku the unit was housed in two story tropical buildings. After the July move to An Khe the unit was housed in single story tropical buildings. In September 1968 the unit instituted a much needed R&U program. The Mess Hall, the Orderly room and the Day room were remodeled and repainted. Two men cubicles were constructed in the billets. These improvements contributed greatly to the moral of the men.

### 3. Operations and Trainings:

a. During the first six months of 1968, the 88th Transportation Company was engaged in vital re-supply mission for elements of the 4th Infantry Division and the 173rd Airborne Brigade as well as the troops in the local area. As a Medium Truck Company in the later six months, the unit was engaged in line haul operation between Pleiku, An Khe, and Qui Nhon, RVN.

b. Although the unit sustained five casualties over the year, drivers performance while engaged with the enemy was beyond reproach. Armored plated gun trucks with their outstanding crews added continued security and moral support to our convoys. The unit had one fatal traffic accident during the year.

c. Upon reorganization as a Medium Truck Company, our Light Truck drivers had to be trained as Medium Truck drivers. After the initial crash program to retrain our drivers, the unit set up a very good training program consisting of a 28 hour block of instruction.

### 4. Personnel and Administrative Activities:

#### a. Command Changes:

(1) CPT Terrance J. McGinty commanded the 88th Transportation Company from 1 January 1968 to 25 July 1968.

(2) CPT Neil F. Young assumed command on 25 July 1968.

(3) CPT James O. Libby assumed command on 9 September 1968.

#### b. Awards:

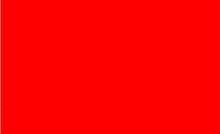
(1) Silver Star: The following named individuals received the Silver Star for valorous service in Vietnam:

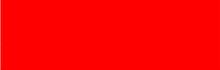
(a) Mack, Dennis C.     1LT     

(b) Pledger, Donald     SP4     

(2) Bronze Star: The following named individuals received the Bronze Star for valorous service in Vietnam:

(a) Capizola, Nicholas A.     SGT     

(b) Coats, Clifford G.     SP4     

(c) Cowling, Joe R. Jr.     SSG     

- (d) Drees, Larry D. SP4
- (e) Patterson, Larry H. PFC
- (f) Wood, Kenneth J. SP4
- (g) Yadao, James SP4

(3) **Bronze Star:** The following named individuals received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam:

- (a) Christiansen, Larry D. SP5
- (b) Frederick, Donald L. SSG
- (c) Schmulle, William G. SGT
- (d) Shue, Darroll E. 1SG
- (e) Stratton, J.R. SFC
- (f) Webb, Marion A. SP5

(4) **Army Commendation Medal:** The following named individuals received the Army Commendation Medal:

- (a) Arneson, Ralph J. SP4
- (b) Flores, Jacinto PFC
- (c) Hahn, Paul I. PFC
- (d) Keyser, Moses G. PFC
- (e) Morgan, Thomas E. PFC
- (f) Snyder, David W. PFC
- (g) Steig, James M. SP4
- (h) Williams, Nathan SP4
- (i) Witherspoon, Billy N. PFC
- (j) Woods, James SP4

(5) Purple Heart: The following named individuals received the Purple Heart for wounds received in hostile action in Vietnam:

(a) Coats, Clifford G.	SP4
(b) Flores, Jacinto	PFC
(c) Keyser, Moses G.	PFC
(d) Roys, David G.	SGT
(e) Snyder, David W.	PFC
(f) Thurmond, George P.	SP4
(g) Williams, Nathan	SP4
(h) Wood, David A.	SP5

(6) Safe Driver Awards:

- (a) 57 awards for 5,000 accident free miles.
- (b) 4 awards for 12,000 accident free miles.
- (c) 20-1 year safe driver badges.

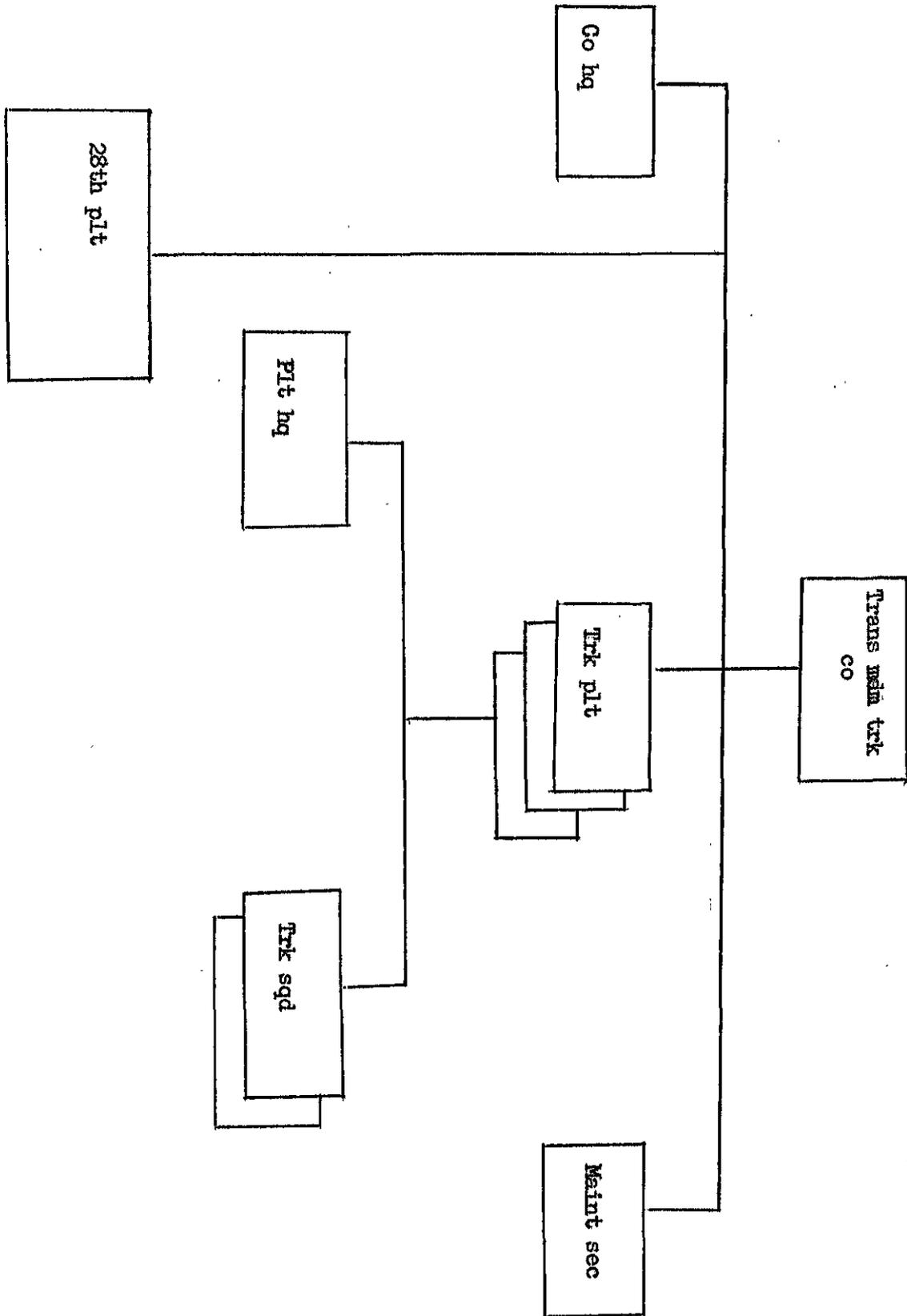
5. Logistical Activities:

a. The change of the unit from a Light Truck to a Medium Truck Company constituted the biggest Logistical problem for the Unit. This was over come by drivers training and training the mechanics in this new type vehicle.

6. Special Events:

a. The Annual General Inspection was held on 6 June 1968. The unit received an overall rating of Satisfactory.

b. On 7 October 1968 this unit received its Command Maintenance Management Inspection. An overall rating of Satisfactory was received.



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UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 69

29 January 1968

REORGANIZATION

1. TC OLL. Following Organizations/Units REORGANIZED.

UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM Units listed in Inclosure 1.

Effective date: 5 February 1968

Equipment: Required and not available will be requisitioned in accordance with normal supply procedures; equipment rendered excess will be disposed of in accordance with current procedures.

Personnel: Maximum number of personnel required by this action will be assigned from locally available resources without MPA-PCS costs; remainder will be procured through application of normal requisitioning procedures. New enlisted personnel authorizations will be reflected immediately in the OPO-45 Report.

Files/records: Will be continued without cutoff in accordance with AR 345-210 or AR 345-215 as applicable.

Morning report: Entry will be made in record of events section in accordance with AR 335-60.

Authority: DA message 843193, 8 December 1967.

Account classification: Obligate to the extent necessary the appropriate allotments in accordance with current fiscal procedures.

Special instructions: Not applicable.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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**ORGANIZATION**

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