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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, HQ, 7th Transportation
Battalion (Truck)

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1. Forwarded as inclosure is Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 7th Transportation Battalion (Truck) for quarterly period ending 31 January 1967. Information contained in this report should be reviewed and evaluated by CDC in accordance with paragraph 6f of AR 1-19 and by CONARC in accordance with paragraph 6c and d of AR 1-19. Evaluations and corrective actions should be reported to ACSFOR OT within 90 days of receipt of covering letter.

2. Information contained in this report is provided to the Commandants of the Service Schools to insure appropriate benefits in the future from lessons learned during current operations, and may be adapted for use in developing training material.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 7th Transportation Battalion (Truck)
APO US Forces 96491

AVC -SGN-AB-B-OF

21 February 1967

SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned for the Quarters Ending
31 January 1967 (AOS-CSECR 65)

TO: Commanding General
1st Logistical Command
ATTN: AVCB-GJ-C
APO 96307

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1. References:


- a. AR 1-19
- b. USAF Reg 670-2

2. Attached as Inclosure 1 is one copy of this organizations Operational Report for the quarter ending 31 January 1967. It is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 6c of appendix 11 to reference 1b.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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RICHARD J. COYNE
Capt, TC
Asst Adjutant

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Headquarters, 7th Transportation Battalion (Truck)
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AVCA-SGN-AB-B-OP

13 February 1967

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quartely Period Ending 31 January 1967
RCS CSFOR65

THRU: Commanding Officer
48th Transportation Group (IT)
APO US Forces 96491

Commanding Officer
US Army Support Command, Saigon
APO US Forces 96307

Commanding General
1st Logistical Command
APO US Forces 96307

Commanding General
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Commander-in-Chief
United States Army, Pacific
APO US Forces 09558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Force Development
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SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. COMMAND:

1. Unit engaged in line haul (military convoys), local haul, and Saigon Port Clearance for ninety (90) days of the reporting period.

2. Command Group Activities:

a. Visit by Brigadier General Clarence J. Lang, J-4, Strike Command on 8 December 1966.

B. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE:

1. Captain Fortunato, CO of the 534th Trans Co reassigned as Assistant S-3.

2. 1/Lt Michelick assigned CO of the 534 Trans Co.

3. Captain Groves CO of the 62d Trans Co rotated.

4. Captain Porter assigned CO of the 62d Trans Co, vice 506th TTP Det.

5. 2/Lt Strickland assigned CO of the 506th TTP Det.

C. INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

1. Security inspection conducted by 524th MI Detachment, 18-19 Jan 67.

2. Minor sniper fire reported on convoys.

D. PLANS, OPERATIONS, TRAINING:

1. 7th Transportation Battalion participated in Operations IOLA (Duck), Canary, Attleboro, and Cedar Falls.

2. One operational standown week per company every eleven (11) weeks. Time to be used for guard duty of the 48th Group area, mandatory training, and maintenance of vehicles.

3. The 163rd Trans Co (Lt Trk) was detached from the 7th Trans Bn and re-attached to the 6th Trans Bn, 11 November 1966.

4. The 7th Trans Bn assumed operational control of the following units:

a. 10th Trans Co (Mdm Trk), 13 Nov 66, transferred from Cam Ranh Bay, VN.

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b. 446th Trans Co (Mdm Trk), 19 Nov 66, arrived from Fort Meade, Maryland.

c. 572nd Trans Co (Mdm Trk), 19 Nov 66, arrived from Fort Meade, Maryland.

5. Units supported were the 25th Inf Div; 1st Inf Div; 173rd Abn Bde; 196th Lt Inf Bde; 199th Lt Inf Bde; 9th Inf Bde; 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; 4th Inf Div and PHILCAG. Total tonnage moved is shown below:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>TON MILES</u>	<u>PASSENGERS</u>
Nov	65,081	245,323	1,163,600	536
Dec	100,973	419,086	1,701,272	1245
Jan	<u>102,911</u> 268,965	<u>487,127</u> 1,151,436	<u>2,229,131</u> 5,094,003	<u>2150</u> 3931

6. One (1) full TO&E Mdm Trk Platoon with a full company mess section along with Trailer Transfer Point personnel were TDY to Tay Ninh. PURPOSE: To relocate all 1st Log Comd supplies at Tay Ninh, as well as support forward supply areas from Tay Ninh. This provisional unit is also responsible for locating empty trailers so that upon arrival of daily convoys, the drivers can leave their loaded trailers and pick up empties for the return trip. This allows a 1½ hour turn around time and has enabled convoys to Tay Ninh to become a one day trip instead of two days.

The platoon will return to Long Binh and will be replaced by a full TO&E Mdm Trk company effective 18 February 1967.

E. LOGISTICS:

1. Troops living in tents and some permanent type structures.
2. Battalion Consolidated Mess provides all meals.

F. SPECIAL STAFF SECTIONS: None

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SECTION II, PART I
OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED)

A. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE, AND DISCIPLINE:

1. ITEM: 534th Transportation Company has 110 personnel rotating in March 1967.

DISCUSSION: No replacements are due-in. Personnel from other units may be transferred to balance the strength of units within the Battalion.

OBSERVATION: Battalion will not be able to perform it's mission unless these losses are replaced soon. New drivers must be trained before they can be dispatched. Battalion driver availability will be low until replacements arrive and are trained.

B. INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERINSURGENCY:

1. ITEM: Intelligence on Convoy Routes.

DISCUSSION: Route Intelligence is not disseminated to this battalion. Convoys are dispatched daily. Officer and NCO personnel that are in charge of our vehicles cannot be given accurate road security conditions, especially HOT AREAS.

OBSERVATION: All personnel on the convoy should know the road security conditions for the area that they travel through.

C. PLANS, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING:

1. ITEM: Mandatory Classroom Training

DISCUSSION: This training is extremely difficult because half of each company is driving every 24 hours.

OBSERVATION: Two (2) twelve hour shifts necessitate giving all classes twice in order to instruct maximum number of personnel.

2. ITEM: Cargo Documentation.

DISCUSSION: Often TCMD's are not with cargo, or no paper work accompanies cargo.

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OBSERVATION: To insure delivery to proper consignee documentation procedures in accordance with appropriate regulations.

3. ITEM: Semi Trailer Control.

DISCUSSION: Due to shortage of MHE in certain off loading sites, trailers are often left loaded for days. Sometimes these loaded trailers are diverted to other locations without authority. Some battalion trailers have been found restenciled by various units.

OBSERVATION: This results in unreported dispersion of trailers and consequent problems in control of trailer assets.

D. LOGISTICS:

1. ITEM: Task Vehicle Shortage.

DISCUSSION: Replacement of task vehicles turned in for salvage has been non-existent.

OBSERVATION: There is a present shortage of fourteen (14) M52A2 5 ton truck tractor and two M543 5 ton wreckers.

2. ITEM: Building Materials.

DISCUSSION: Requisitions for building material are not being filled.

OBSERVATION: Building plans for the Battalion area are being delayed.

SECTION II, PART II

A. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Speed of convoys be increased to lessen hostile fire exposure time in accordance with local road situation, and permit optimum RPM to prevent deadline.

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F. Assistant drivers (shotgunners) be furnished on convoys. The equivalent of one complete 12 hour shift is eliminated when assistant drivers and drivers are on convoy together. The convoy returns in late afternoon and the trucks can be re-committed that night if drivers are available. Recommend that shotgunners from sources other than 7th Battalion be furnished. The availability of the assistant drivers for the night shift will produce an increase in tonnage hauled.

J. O. MEERBOTT
LTC, TC.
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AVCA-SGN-AB-OP (26 Feb 67) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly
Period Ending 31 January 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, 48TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP (MT) APO 96491 26 February 1967

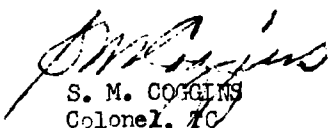
THRU: Commanding Officer
US Army Support Command, Saigon
APO US Forces 96307

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Force Development
Department of the Army
Washington D. C. 20310

1. The Operational Report - Lessons Learned for the Quarterly Period Ending 31 January 1967 prepared by the 7th Transportation Battalion (Truck) has been reviewed and presents an accurate and impartial summary of the units's activities.

2. No action or further comment is deemed necessary regarding this report.

Tel: Long Binh 676


S. M. COGGINS
Colonel, TC
Commanding

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AVCA SCR-GC (13 Feb 67) 2nd Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending
31 January 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65)(7 Trans Bn)

HEAD QUARTERS, US ARMY SUPPORT COMBAT, SAIGON, APO 96307 8 MAR 1967

THRU: Commanding General, Hq, 1st Logistical Command, ATTN: AVCA-GO-O,
APO 96307
Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, ATTN:
AVHGC-DH, APO 96307
Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOF-OT,
A.O 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army (ASDFD, DA), Washington, D.C. 20310

1. Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 9, AR 1-19, dated May 1966.
2. Reference Section I, Part I A1: Unlisted replacements are allocated by this headquarters to subordinate commands in an equitable manner commensurate with need requirements, degree of shortages as compared with all other units and the needs of units which have been given special projects and assignments which are over and above their assigned missions. Based on these criteria some units do have shortages of enlisted personnel.
3. Reference Section II, Part I D1: Five (5) 5 Ton Tractors were released to the 4th Transportation Group on 27 February 1967.
4. Reference Section II, Part I D2: Higher priority requirements pre-empt material. As material becomes available it will be issued.
5. Reference Section II, Part II A2: Unlisted personnel have been attached to group Headquarters for use in the battalion as "shotgunners", however, these personnel were taken from other units outside of the Battalion thereby reducing those units effectiveness.
6. Concur with remarks of 1st Indorser.

GILBERT L. LEVY
Colonel, OrdC
Commanding

TTL: Tiger 4797

AVCA GO-O (13 Feb 67) 3d Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 January
1967 (HCS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST LOGISTICAL COMMAND, APO 96307 14 MAR 1967

TO: Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, ATTN:
AVHGC-DH, APO 96307

1. The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the
7th Transportation Battalion for the quarterly period ending 31 Jan-
uary 1967 is forwarded herewith.

2. Reference paragraph B, Section II, Part I, page 3: While
it is true that route intelligence is not disseminated to the battal-
ion, it is available upon request from the Highway Traffic Control,
Traffic Management Element, II Field Force. This headquarters is
preparing a letter to the 7th Trans Bn outlining the procedures for
obtaining this information.

3. Reference paragraph C1, Section II, Part II, page 3: Non-
concur. Mandatory training requirements within this Command average
2.2 hours per week. One hour of the 2.2 hours per week is the weekly
Command Information Class, required by Department of the Army. Pro-
perly scheduled training will not interfere with a unit's mission
capability.

4. Reference paragraph C2, Section II, Part I, page 3: An
inspection is being conducted to determine if proper documentation
procedures are being followed at ports throughout the country. Dis-
tribution of the TCMD's will be closely monitored.

5. Reference paragraph D1, Section II, Part I, page 4: During
the period 15 Jan-4 Mar 67 all valid requisitions were filled for 2½
ton vehicles. Twenty-four 5 ton tractors were issued to the 48th
Transportation Group during the period 26 Feb-4 Mar 67. M543 wreck-
ers are at zero balance; however, sixty-eight have been shipped from
CONUS, of which part of these are expected to arrive during March 1967.

6. Reference paragraph D2, Section II, Part I, page 4: Concur
with para 4, 2d indorsement. Not all planned construction can be
accomplished simultaneously. Priorities have been established and
are being followed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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for Franklin E. Young
Cpt, AGC
Asst A. G. [unclear]

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AVHGC-DH (21 Feb 67) 4th Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 January 1967 (RCS GSFOR-65)


HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 2 R WAD 1467

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 January 1967 from Headquarters, 7th Transportation Battalion (Truck) as indorsed.

2. Reference Paragraph A1, Part II, Section II, Page 4, concerning increased convoy speeds: Nonconcur with recommendation on optimum RPM. Optimum performance and RPM is achieved by proper gear selection. The only valid reason for increased speeds would be to prevent overheating of engines by permitting a greater air flow through radiators.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


R. J. THORNTON III
1st Lt, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

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GPOP-OT(1 Feb 67) 5th Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 January 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65), HQ 7th Trans Bn (Trk)

HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



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CPT, AGC
Asst AG

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