

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

383d QUARTERMASTER DETACHMENT

Constituted 12 December 1944 in the Army of the United States as the 383d Quartermaster Refrigeration Detachment

Activated 20 February 1945 in the Philippine Islands

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1945 as the 383d Quartermaster Refrigerator Truck Detachment

Inactivated 15 May 1946 in Philippine Islands

Redesignated 23 April 1965 as 383d Quartermaster Detachment, and allotted to the Regular Army

Activated 4 May 1965 at Fort Lee, Virginia

Inactivated 15 March 1971 in Vietnam

Activated 20 September 1971 in Vietnam

Inactivated 20 March 1972 in Vietnam

Activated 16 September 1990 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

Inactivated 15 October 1992 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Luzon

Vietnam

Defense

Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase II

Counteroffensive, Phase III

Tet Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase IV

Counteroffensive, Phase V

Counteroffensive, Phase VI

Tet 69/Counteroffensive

Summer-Fall 1969

Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Consolidation I

Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered  
VIETNAM 1967-68

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered  
VIETNAM 1968-69

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered  
VIETNAM 1969-70

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In response to your inquiry of 8 August 1996

, the following checkmarked paragraph(s) apply:

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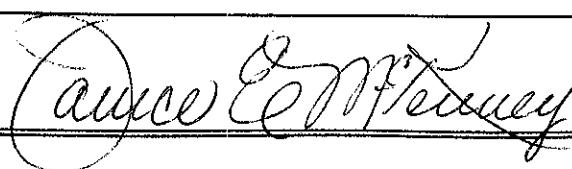
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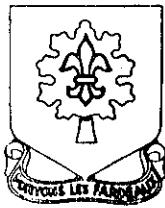


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# Chapter 18



## Composite Service



### 1st Supply & Transport Battalion (Divisional)

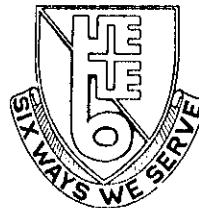
Arrived Vietnam: 10 September 1965

Departed Vietnam: 7 April 1970

Previous Station: Fort Riley

Authorized Strength	1968	1968
Battalion	484	485

The 1st Supply & Transport Battalion was part of the 1st Infantry Division rendering subsistence, clothing, POLs (petrol, oil, lubricants), construction, ammunition, personal demand items and major end items except for aircraft and communication security equipment. The battalion also provided and operated ground transportation required for unit distribution of the supply items.



### 6th Support Battalion (Infantry Brigade)

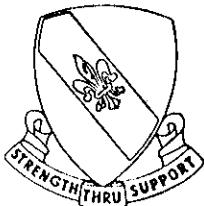
Arrived Vietnam: 19 December 1967

Departed Vietnam: 15 February 1969

Previous Station: Hawaii

Authorized Strength: 353 (1968)

The 6th Support Battalion was responsible for providing brigade-level supply, direct support and general support maintenance, medical service and miscellaneous services for all assigned or attached elements of the brigade. The battalion was organized with four lettered companies: A, administration; B, maintenance; C, supply and service; and D, medical, as well as a headquarters element. The battalion provided support for the 11th Infantry Brigade (Light) in Vietnam.



### 4th Supply & Transport Battalion (Divisional)

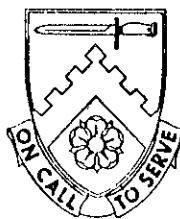
Arrived Vietnam: 15 September 1968

Departed Vietnam: 7 December 1970

Previous Station: Fort Lewis

Authorized Strength	1968	1968
Battalion	300	485

The 4th Supply & Transport Battalion served the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 1st Supply & Transport Battalion).



### 7th Support Battalion (Infantry Brigade)

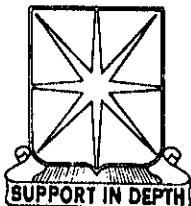
Arrived Vietnam: 28 November 1968

Departed Vietnam: 12 October 1970

Previous Station: Fort Benning

Authorized Strength	1968	1970
Battalion	544	544

The 7th Support Battalion provided service to the 199th Infantry Brigade (Light) in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 6th Support Battalion).



**8th Support Battalion  
(Infantry Brigade)**

Arrived Vietnam: 22 September 1966  
Departed Vietnam: 15 February 1969  
Previous Station: Fort Devens  
Authorized Strength 1968 1968  
Battalion 451 346

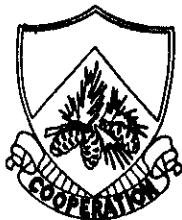
The 8th Support Battalion served with the 196th Infantry Brigade (Light) in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 8th Support Battalion).



**9th Support Battalion  
(Infantry Brigade)**

Arrived Vietnam: 8 October 1967  
Departed Vietnam: 15 February 1969  
Previous Station: Fort Hood  
Authorized Strength: 348 (1968)

The 9th Support Battalion served with the 196th Infantry Brigade (Light) in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 8th Support Battalion).



**9th Supply &  
Transport Battalion  
(Divisional)**

Arrived Vietnam: 16 December 1966  
Departed Vietnam: 23 August 1969  
Previous Station: Fort Riley  
Authorized Strength: 485 (1968)

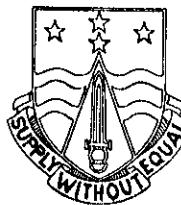
The 9th Supply & Transport Battalion provided support for the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 1st Supply & Transport Battalion).



**15th Supply & Service Battalion  
(Divisional)**

Arrived Vietnam: 28 July 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 29 April 1971  
Previous Station: Fort Benning  
Authorized Strength 1968 1968 1970  
Battalion 481 481 281

The 15th Supply & Service Battalion provided division-level combat support and service support to include all classes of material,



**23d Supply &  
Transport Battalion  
(Divisional)**

Arrived Vietnam: 8 December 1967  
Departed Vietnam: 25 November 1971  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength 1968 1970  
Battalion 447 485

The 23d Supply & Transport Battalion was part of the 23d Infantry Division (AMERICAL) in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 1st Supply & Transport Battalion).



**25th Supply &  
Transport Battalion  
(Divisional)**

Arrived Vietnam: 30 March 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 14 October 1970  
Previous Station: Hawaii  
Authorized Strength 1968 1968  
Battalion 485 485

The 25th Supply & Transport Battalion served as part of the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 1st Supply & Transport Battalion).



**34th Supply & Service Battalion  
(Direct Support)**

Arrived Vietnam: 25 August 1965  
Departed Vietnam: 15 April 1971  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 117

The 34th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support) was responsible for commanding, controlling and supervising the operations, employment and administration of assigned units providing direct logistical service support to nondivisional units. The battalion was quartermaster previous to July 1968. The battalion served at An Khe as the An Ke Sub Area Command under the U.S. Army Support Command, Qui Nhon. On 1 March 1968 it was relocated to Da Nang, where it came under the 80th General Support Group and U.S. Army Support Command, Da Nang. It assumed the mission of establishing and operating the army depot at Da Nang. In August 1970 the battalion made its final move to Tan Son Nhut under USARV.



**75th Support Battalion  
(Mechanized Brigade)**

Arrived Vietnam: 28 July 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 31 August 1971  
Previous Station: Fort Carson  
Authorized Strength 1968 1970  
Battalion 485 281

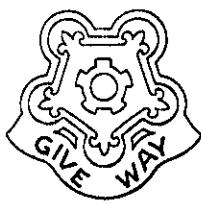
The 75th Support Battalion provided brigade-level combat support consisting of supply, maintenance, transportation,



### 82d Support Battalion (Airborne Brigade)

Arrived Vietnam: 25 May 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 12 December 1969  
Previous Station: Fort Bragg  
Authorized Strength: 372 (1968)

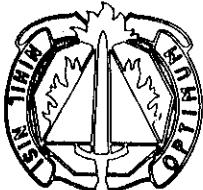
The 82d Support Battalion provided brigade-level support and combat service consisting of supply, maintenance, medical service, airdrop equipment support, transportation, personnel administrative services and miscellaneous field service functions to the 3d Brigade Task Force, 82d Airborne Division in Vietnam.



### 88th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 18 September 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 11 May 1972  
Previous Station: Granite City  
Army Depot  
Authorized Strength 1968 1968 1970  
HHC 58 58 52

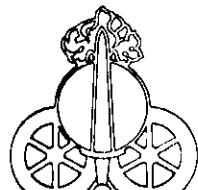
The 88th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support) had the mission of commanding and controlling direct support supply and service companies. It was stationed at Pleiku under the U.S. Army Support Command, Qui Nhon. It later served under the 45th General Support Group. It went to Tuy Hoa in early 1970 and was posted to Qui Nhon in 1971. Prior to July 1968 it had been an Engineer (Depot) Battalion. It provided all classes of supply and support in northern II Corps Tactical Zone.



### 91st Service Battalion (Logistical Service)

Arrived Vietnam: 4 March 1969  
Departed Vietnam: 27 March 1973  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: HHD - 28 (1971)

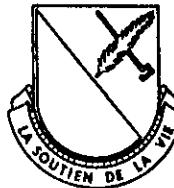
The 91st Service Battalion (Logistical Service) at Can Tho had the mission of providing command and control to include tactical and administrative supervision to assigned supply, support, maintenance, and other service units assigned or attached to it in the IV Corps Tactical Zone. On 15 October 1969 it went to Binh Thuy. In 1970 the 91st Service Battalion was relocated to Long Binh. It served the 29th General Support Group. Finally the battalion was relocated at Can Tho, where it became the DELTA Logistical Support Activity on 7 May 1972.



### 92d Service Battalion (Logistical Service)

Arrived Vietnam: 20 October 1969  
Departed Vietnam: 30 April 1972  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: HHD - 28 (1971)

The 92d Service Battalion (Logistical Service) was established to serve the I Corps Tactical Zone under the U.S. Support Command, Da Nang at Da Nang. It had the mission of providing command and control for assigned maintenance, supply and transport units.



### 94th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 1 December 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 15 January 1969  
Previous Station: Fort Lee  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 117 (1967)

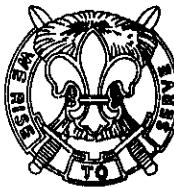
The 94th Supply & Service Battalion provided direct support supplies and services, except for those provided by the armywide services, to nondivisional units and was under the 53d General Support Group. It was located at Vung Tau and later at Chu Lai, where its assets were used to form the 23d Supply & Transport Battalion.



### 98th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 21 June 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 1 September 1968  
Previous Station: Fort Riley  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 117

The 98th Supply & Service Battalion was at Cam Ranh Bay, where it supported the 504th Field Army Depot. It operated activities there to include depot warehouses, petroleum facilities, material handling equipment pool, vehicle park, engineer yard and cold storage facilities.



### 98th Supply & Service Battalion (General Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 10 September 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 1 September 1968  
Previous Station: Fort Polk  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 02

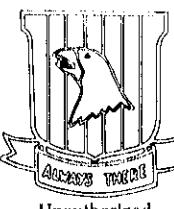
The 98th Supply & Service Battalion (General Support) was stationed at Qui Nhon under the U.S. Army Support Command, Qui Nhon. It was quartermaster until July 1968. It operated the Qui Nhon support command depot, where it provided the personnel, equipment and coordination for receipt, issue and storage of supplies there.



### 99th Support Battalion (Infantry Brigade)

Arrived Vietnam: 1 October 1969  
Departed Vietnam: 12 October 1970  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: 544 (1970)

The 99th Support Battalion serviced the 3d Brigade (separate) of the 9th Infantry Division after the rest of the division departed Vietnam (for capabilities, see 6th Support Battalion).



### 101st Support Battalion (Airborne Brigade)

Arrived Vietnam: 28 July 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 19 November 1968  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: 658 (1968)

The 101st Support Battalion, at first only provisional, served the 1st Brigade (separate) of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 82d Support Battalion).

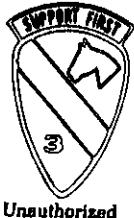
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### 173d Support Battalion (Airborne Brigade)

Arrived Vietnam: 8 May 1965  
Departed Vietnam: 21 August 1971  
Previous Station: Okinawa  
Authorized Strength 1966 1968 1970  
Battalion 674 704 704

The 173d Support Battalion provided service and support to the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 82d Support Battalion).

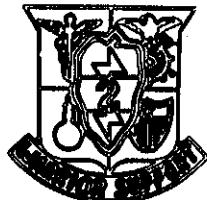


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### 215th Support Battalion (Airmobile Brigade)

Arrived Vietnam: 30 June 1971  
Departed Vietnam: 29 June 1972  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: 1,011 (1971)

The 215th Support Battalion was part of the 3d Brigade (separate) of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and provided separate brigade-level supply, field service, maintenance, and engineer and communications management.



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### 225th Support Battalion (Infantry Brigade)

Arrived Vietnam: 10 February 1971  
Departed Vietnam: 30 April 1971  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: 544

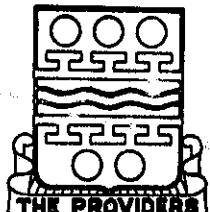
The 225th Support Battalion served with the 2d Brigade (separate) of the 25th Infantry Division (for capabilities, see 8th Support Battalion).



### 284th Supply & Service Battalion (General Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 20 July 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 1 September 1968  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 69

The 284th Supply & Service Battalion (General Support) was stationed with the 506th Field Army Depot under the U.S. Army Support Command, Saigon.

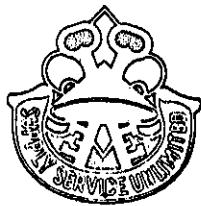


### 286th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 23 June 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 14 March 1973  
Previous Station: Fort Lewis  
Authorized Strength 1966 1968 1970  
HHC 117 117 65

The 286th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support) was stationed at Long Binh throughout its Vietnam service. It served

under the 29th General Support Group before coming under direct control of U.S. Army Support Command, Saigon. It served as a command and control center providing logistical service, convoy escort coordination, and coordination over movement of troops and cargo from Saigon and Vung Tau.



### 277th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 20 July 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 14 March 1973  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength 1966 1968 1970  
HHC 117 99 101

The 277th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support) was with the 506th Army Depot at Long Binh before moving in early 1969 to Tay Ninh with the 29th General Support Group, in August 1970 to Di An and then to the 80th General Support Group at Chu Lai. In November 1971 it moved to Da Nang as a long-range support battalion.



### 278th Supply & Service Battalion (General Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 18 November 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 1 September 1968  
Previous Station: Fort Lewis  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 92 (1968)

The 278th Supply & Service Battalion (General Support) had various missions concerning depot storage operations and including industrial gas and air delivery responsibilities. The battalion served with the 504th Field Army Depot at Cam Ranh Bay during its service in Vietnam.



### 428th Supply & Service Battalion (Divisional)

Arrived Vietnam: 1 July 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 30 January 1972  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: 481

The 428th Supply & Service Battalion was part of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam (for capabilities, see 15th Supply & Service Battalion).



### 532d Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)

Arrived Vietnam: 1 October 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 2 October 1968  
Previous Station: Fort Campbell  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 117 (1967)

The 532d Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support) was under the U.S. Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay serving at Nha

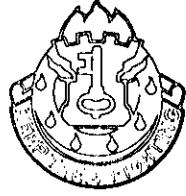
Trang, Cam Ranh Bay and finally Tuy Hoa (for capabilities, see 38th Supply & Service Battalion).

**558th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)**

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Arrived Vietnam: 1 February 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 16 March 1968  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 85 (1968)

The 558th Supply & Service Battalion was organized at Cam Ranh Bay and sent a few weeks later to Korat, Thailand.



**563d Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)**

Arrived Vietnam: 29 April 1967  
Departed Vietnam: 6 November 1968  
Previous Station: Fort Lee  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 117 (1968)

The 563d Supply & Service Battalion was located at Qui Nhon under U.S. Army Support Command, Qui Nhon during its service in Vietnam. It was assigned to the 58th Field Army Depot there.



**567th Supply & Service Battalion (Direct Support)**

Arrived Vietnam: 29 April 1967  
Departed Vietnam: 20 October 1967  
Previous Station: Fort Lee  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 117 (1967)

The 567th Supply & Service Battalion arrived at Da Nang and was located to Tay Ninh under the U.S. Army Support Command, Qui Nhon, where it was inactivated to provide personnel and equipment for the Tay Ninh Logistical Support Activity.

**PROVISIONAL SUPPORT AND SUPPLY/SERVICE BATTALIONS IN VIETNAM**

The following is a representative listing of some of the more important provisional composite service battalions formed in

Vietnam. In addition there were a myriad of others formed by large commands such as the USARV Provisional Aviation Support Battalion, by general support groups such as the 593d General Support Group Provisional Composite Service Battalion (15 December 1968 - 1 October 1969), and even forward support battalions of other battalions such as the 89th Maintenance Battalion's Provisional Support Battalion (19 September 1968 - 1 January 1970). Due to the transient nature and inflated titles of most of these units, which are not officially recognized and were often unauthorized, no attempt has been made to trace all of them.

**1st Support Battalion, Provisional** 1 June 68 - fall 1968  
Formed to support the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi.

**2d Support Battalion, Provisional** 1 June 68 - Feb. 71  
Formed to support the 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi.

**3d Support Battalion, Provisional** 1 June 68 - Dec. 69  
Formed to support the 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi.

**Cam Ranh Bay General Service Battalion,** June 65 - 1 July 68  
Provisional  
Formed by the Cam Ranh Bay Logistical Area at Cam Ranh Bay.

**Cam Ranh Bay Supply & Service Battalion,** 1 Sept. 68 - 2 April 72  
Provisional  
Formed by the U.S. Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay at Cam Ranh Bay.

**Da Nang Supply & Service Battalion,** 13 Dec. 71 - 1 Feb. 72  
Provisional  
Formed by the U.S. Army Support Command, Da Nang at Da Nang.

**Keystone Composite Service Battalion,** 3 May 71 - 30 Nov. 72  
Provisional  
Established at Da Nang to handle redeployment matters at that location.

**Qui Nhon Supply & Service Battalion,** 1 Dec. 70 - 30 April 72  
Provisional  
Formed by the U.S. Army Support Command, Qui Nhon at Qui Nhon.

**Vung Tau Supply & Service Battalion,** 6 May 68 - 10 Dec. 68  
Provisional  
Formed by the Vung Tau Sub Area Command at Vung Tau.

**SUPPLY AND/OR SERVICE COMPANIES IN VIETNAM**

Company	Type	Previous Station	Vietnam Service	Typical Location	Authorized Strength		
					1966	1968	1970
11th Supply*	Repair Parts General Support	Dovens	11 July 65 - 1 Sept. 68	Saigon	191	191	—
19th Supply & Service †	Direct Support	Hood	3 June 65 - 1 May 72	Qui Nhon	270	270	284
21st Supply & Service	Direct Support	Campbell	13 Dec. 66 - 1 May 72	Phan Rang	—	233	233
31st Supply*	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Knox	23 Aug. 65 - 6 Nov. 68	Cam Ranh Bay	199	199	—
53d Supply †	General Support	Bragg	21 July 66 - 1 Sept. 68	Cam Ranh Bay	214	214	—
56th Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Lee	24 Oct. 66 - 20 Sept. 71	Da Nang	—	199	199

74th Supply*	General Support Repair Parts Forward General Support	Bliss	6 Sept. 65 – 15 April 71	Da Nang	198	198	198	198
75th Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Carson	18 Sept. 68 – 6 Nov. 68	Long Binh	—	199	—	—
90th Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Riley	18 Oct. 68 – 1 Oct. 70	Pleiku	—	199	136	—
120th Supply & Service §	Direct Support	Carson	18 Sept. 68 – 9 Aug. 69	Chu Lai	—	146	—	—
139th Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Lewis	30 Sept. 68 – 6 Nov. 68	Long Binh	—	199	—	—
147th Service	Forward Field General Support	McClellan	26 April 67 – 20 Dec. 66	Cam Ranh Bay	—	305	—	—
148th Supply & Service †	Direct Support	Lewis	5 Sept. 65 – 13 March 73	Nha Trang	233	233	233	—
183d Supply	General Support	Vietnam	20 July 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Saigon	206	206	—	—
178th Supply ‡	Repair Parts General Support	Lewis	18 March 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Saigon	191	191	—	—
221st Supply	Direct Support	Vietnam	20 July 68 – 15 Jan. 68	Chu Lai	233	—	—	—
223d Supply & Service †	Direct Support	Bragg	30 Aug. 65 – 31 Aug. 71	Saigon	206	206	105	—
226th Supply & Service	Direct Support	Vietnam	20 July 68 – 28 Nov. 71	Tuy Hoa	233	233	233	—
228th Supply & Service	Direct Support	Vietnam	20 July 68 – 16 Feb. 73	Tay Ninh	233	233	233	—
229th Supply & Service	Direct Support	Vietnam	20 July 68 – 28 Dec. 71	Long Binh	233	233	233	—
243d Service	Forward Field General Support	Bragg	15 Dec. 66 – 14 Dec. 70	Pleiku	—	305	305	—
248th Supply	Repair Parts Forward General Support	Lewis	27 Sept. 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	—	196	—	—
304th Supply & Service	Direct Support	Devens	29 Oct. 67 – 1 April 72	An Khe	—	233	223	—
308th Supply & Service	Direct Support	Vietnam	1 Feb. 68 – 11 March 68	Cam Ranh Bay #	—	148	—	—
334th Supply & Service	Direct Support	Vietnam	18 Oct. 69 – 27 March 73	Da Nang	—	—	148	—
423d Supply	Repair Parts Forward General Support	Lee	28 Sept. 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Cam Ranh Bay	—	198	—	—
452d Supply & Service **	General Support	Riley	29 Sept. 68 – 1 Aug. 69	Quang Tri	—	215	—	—
483d Supply	General Support	Vietnam	20 July 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	253	253	—	—
483d Service	Forward Field General Support	Lee	1 Dec. 66 – 26 Dec. 71	Long Binh	—	305	305	—
490th Supply	General Support	Devens	6 Dec. 66 – 15 April 71	Vung Tau	—	214	214	—
501st Supply	Airborne Support – 101st Airborne Division	Campbell	19 Nov. 67 – 1 July 68	Bien Hoa	—	168	—	—
508th Supply & Service †	Direct Support	Riley	2 Nov. 65 – 30 June 72	Long Giao	233	233	284	—
539th Supply	Repair Parts Forward General Support	Meade	28 Sept. 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Cam Ranh Bay	—	198	—	—
540th Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Lee	15 April 67 – 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	—	199	—	—
546th Supply	General Support	Lee	30 Oct. 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Cam Ranh Bay	—	214	—	—
559th Supply	General Support	Lee	8 Nov. 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Long Binh	—	214	—	—
560th Supply	General Support	Lee	7 Nov. 68 – 14 Dec. 70	Da Nang	—	214	183	—
561st Supply	General Support	Lee	7 Nov. 68 – 10 Dec. 70	Pleiku	—	214	154	—
562d Supply	General Support	Lee	28 Jan. 67 – 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	—	214	—	—
563d Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Lee	23 Oct. 68 – 20 Dec. 68	Long Binh	—	199	—	—
569th Supply †	General Support	Lee	18 March 68 – 15 April 71	Saigon	206	145	?	—
570th Supply	Repair Parts Forward General Support	Carson	25 Sept. 68 – 20 Dec. 68	Long Binh	—	198	—	—
573d Supply & Service	Direct Support	Campbell	30 Aug. 66 – 1 May 72	Pleiku	196	233	198	—
574th Supply & Service †	Direct Support	Lee	9 March 68 – 15 Oct. 70	Dong Tam	207	207	207	—
575th Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Lee	28 Sept. 68 – 1 Sept. 68	Cam Ranh Bay	—	199	—	—

578th Supply <sup>††</sup>	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Polk	21 July 68 - 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	199	199	—
581st Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Lee	29 Sept. 68 - 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	—	198	—
624th Supply & Service <sup>†</sup>	Direct Support	Campbell	25 Aug. 68 - 21 Nov. 72	Long Binh	233	182	284
625th Supply & Service <sup>†</sup>	Direct Support	Campbell	2 Sept. 68 - 20 March 72	Quang Tri	266	266	284
820th Supply <sup>*</sup>	Repair Parts General Support	Lewis	2 Sept. 68 - 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	275	275	—
758th Supply & Service	Direct Support	Riley	24 March 67 - 10 Dec. 70	Phu Loi	—	233	284
821st Supply	Heavy Material Supply General Support	Lewis	3 May 67 - 1 Sept. 68	Long Binh	—	199	—
855th Supply	General Support	Lee	28 Oct. 68 - 15 April 71	Da Nang	—	214	214
1002d Supply & Service <sup>††</sup>	Direct Support	Meade	20 Oct. 68 - Sept. 69	Phu Bai	—	244	—
1011th Supply & Service <sup>§§</sup>	Direct Support	Benning	23 Sept. 68 - 9 Aug. 69	Bear Cat	—	162	—
1018th Supply & Service <sup># #</sup>	Direct Support	Lee	31 Oct. 68 - 18 Oct. 69	Da Nang	—	148	—

\* Ordnance until 20 July 1968.

† Quartermaster until 20 July 1968.

† See 53d Engineer Company for earlier Vietnam service.

§ Illinois National Guard from Quincy via Ft. Carson.

|| See also 178th Engineer Company.

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\*\* Minnesota Army Reserve from Worthington via Ft. Riley.

†† See 578th Engineer Company for earlier service.

†† Ohio Army Reserve from Cleveland via Ft. Meade.

§§ Kansas Army Reserve from Independence via Ft. Benning.

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Company*	Type	Previous Station	Vietnam Service	Typical Location	Authorized Strength		
					1966	1968	1970
218th CS	Coll, Class & Salv	Vietnam	20 July 68 - 1 Sept. 68	Long Binh	91	91	—
241st CS	Coll, Class & Salv	Vietnam	15 April 72 - 30 June 72	Da Nang	—	—	—
528th CS <sup>†</sup>	Coll, Class & Salv	Riley	14 Dec. 65 - 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	226	226	—
633d CS	Coll, Class & Salv	Hood	1 May 67 - 30 June 72	Cam Ranh Bay	—	91	91

#### CHEMICAL COMPANIES IN VIETNAM

Company	Type	Previous Station	Vietnam Service	Typical Location	Authorized Strength		
					1966	1968	1970
22d CHEM	Direct Support	Hood	31 May 68 - 20 July 68	Cam Ranh Bay	233	—	—

#### PROVISIONAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL OPERATIONS COMPANIES IN VIETNAM <sup>†</sup>

Company	Type	Previous Station	Vietnam Service	Typical Location	Authorized Strength		
					1966	1968	1970
Da Nang (Prov)	Property Disposal Ops	Vietnam	1 Dec. 69 - 1 June 70	Da Nang	—	—	?
Long Binh (Prov)	Property Disposal Ops	Vietnam	1 Dec. 69 - 1 May 72	Long Binh	—	—	?

\* CS = Composite Service.

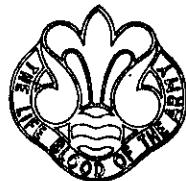
† Quartermaster until 20 July 1968.

† Property disposal operations were handled by the Property Disposal Office and later the Property Disposal Agency. Other such provisional companies at Cam Ranh Bay and elsewhere also existed.

# Chapter 22



## Quartermaster



### 64th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations)

Arrived Vietnam: 20 April 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 8 April 1970  
Previous Station: Fort Leonard Wood  
Authorized Strength 1968 1968  
HHC 67 67

The 64th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations) provided command, administration, and technical and operational supervision for the operation and maintenance of a military petroleum distribution system and was assigned to the U.S. Army Support Command, Saigon. The assignment of this battalion headquarters consolidated all POL (petrol, oil, lubricants) units within the command under one headquarters. An additional duty of the battalion was as director of petroleum for the support command and for all petroleum depots in III CTZ. It was located at Long Binh.



### 240th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations)

Arrived Vietnam: 13 January 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 26 June 1971  
Previous Station: Fort Lee  
Authorized Strength 1968 1970  
HHC 60 53

The 240th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations) had the same capabilities as the 64th QM Battalion and was assigned to the 58th Field Depot at Qui Nhon. On 1 June 1968 the battalion was relieved of this duty and assigned directly to the U.S. Army

Support Command, Qui Nhon. It was stationed at Qui Nhon, Phu Tai and Dinh Dinh during its service in Vietnam.



### 259th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations)

Arrived Vietnam: 30 September 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 15 September 1969  
Previous Station: Pleasant Grove, Utah  
via Fort Wood  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 91 (1968)

The 259th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations) was an Army Reserve unit from Utah with the same general capabilities as the 64th QM Battalion. It was deployed to Da Nang and Phu Bai where it handled petroleum support for the U.S. Army Support Command, Da Nang.



### 262d Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations, Army)

Arrived Vietnam: 5 June 1967  
Departed Vietnam: 13 August 1970  
Previous Station: Fort Lee  
Authorized Strength: HHC - 80 (1968)

The 262d Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operations, Army) provided petroleum storage facilities and wholesale distribution of petroleum products for the U.S. Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay. It was stationed at Cam Ranh Bay, and was responsible for petroleum operations throughout the support command area. On 1 November 1968 it was attached to the Cam Ranh depot.

### 528th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Supply)

No Insignia  
Authorized

Arrived Vietnam: 25 September 1968  
Departed Vietnam: 15 April 1971  
Previous Station: Vietnam  
Authorized Strength: HHD - 60 (1970)

The 528th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Supply) was formed to replace the 259th QM Battalion when it left Vietnam. The 528th Battalion was stationed at Phu Bai and Da Nang to maintain control of attached petroleum and transportation (petroleum) companies. It was also assigned three ammunition companies and these often led the battalion to be known as an Ammunition Battalion or even the 528th Ordnance Battalion.

### QUARTERMASTER COMPANIES IN VIETNAM

Company	Type	Previous Station	Vietnam Service	Typical Location	Authorized Strength		
					1966	1968	1970
101st QM (Prov)	Air Equipment Support	Campbell	29 July 66 - 1 July 1968	Bien Hoa	95	217	—
109th QM	Air Delivery	Campbell	12 Aug. 66 - 31 Jan. 72	Cam Ranh Bay	267	267	267
134th QM	Petroleum Supply	Wood	31 Aug. 65 - 15 March 72	Phu Tai	228	228	228
157th QM	Service	Polk	18 Sept. 66 - 1 Sept. 68	Qui Nhon	165	165	—
173d QM*	Petroleum Operations	Lee	30 Sept. 66 - 5 Aug. 69	Phu Bai	—	175	—
239th QM	Service	Lewis	28 Nov. 66 - 1 Sept. 68	Cam Ranh Bay	—	165	—
512th QM	Petroleum Supply and Petroleum Operations	Lee	19 Nov. 66 - 30 April 72	Long Binh	—	173	182
514th QM	Petroleum Supply and Petroleum Operations	Lee	23 Nov. 66 - 26 Dec. 71	Phu Tai	—	173	182
524th QM	Petroleum Depot and Petroleum Operations	Wood	20 July 65 - 1 May 72	Cam Ranh Bay	168	185	271
525th QM	Petroleum Depot	Lee	1 May 67 - 8 Nov. 72	Cam Ranh Bay	—	271	271
528th QM (Prov)	Petroleum Supply	Lee	14 April 67 - March 72	Saigon	—	228	228
623d QM	Air Equipment Repair Depot	Bragg	23 Aug. 66 - 20 Dec. 66	Cam Ranh Bay	149	149	—
647th QM	Field Depot and Petroleum Operations	Polk	16 Sept. 65 - 1 Oct. 70	An Khe	175	174	135
842d QM†	Petroleum Supply	Lee	14 Oct. 66 - 30 Sept. 69	Pleiku	—	237	—

\* Mississippi Army Reserve from Greenwood, Mississippi via Ft. Lee.

† Kansas Army Reserve from Kansas City via Ft. Loe.

### 543d Quartermaster Group

No Insignia  
Authorized

Arrived Vietnam: 2 November 1966  
Departed Vietnam: 20 July 1968  
Previous Station: Fort Bragg  
Authorized Strength: HHD - 46

The 543d Quartermaster Group was responsible for the supervision and administration of supply, service and maintenance operations in the Saigon - Cholon area to include depot and logistical responsibilities. With the introduction of the functional logistical management system centered on support command concepts in Vietnam, this technical service headquarters became unnecessary. It was inactivated and its assets used to form the 264th Supply & Service Battalion.

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Preparation of this monograph on the important role played by the Quartermaster Corps in supplying airborne equipment and advancing the art of aerial delivery, particularly during 1950-53, was begun at the Office of The Quartermaster General following the Korean conflict. The Korean armistice of 1953 provided a logical ending date for the story, and the first draft of the manuscript was completed in the fall of 1956.

The principal aim in writing this study lies apart from any value it may have as a purely historical source for lay historians, scholars, or other researchers. The chief intention of the monograph is to help serve the defense needs of the Quartermaster Corps and the Departments of the Army and Defense through provision of a single, fairly comprehensive account of the Quartermaster airborne development, especially for the period indicated. Up to now this long experience had not been woven into one narrative, but existed only in fragmentary form in reports, unpublished troop unit histories, and a few magazine articles. By putting this story together in a single volume, it is hoped that the end product will prove useful to operating and administrative personnel of the defense establishment in connection with decisions on current operations, for future activity planning, and as a reference adjunct for the teaching of airborne subjects in military schools. It is for these reasons that considerable background is included in Chapter I and the 1950-53 period is covered in detail.

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Whenever possible, interviews were held with key officers and civilians, many of whom were instrumental in furthering the strenuous effort to supply American and other United Nations forces by air during the Korean emergency. These contributed valuable information that might otherwise have been missed. While limitations of time and space made it impossible to reach others who also were important figures in the story, it is hoped that their views and opinions have been accurately expressed through careful use of the documents they left behind them.

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## INTRODUCTION

1. The following pages contain a brief synopsis of the History, Mission and function of the 383D QM Det. (AS). The following will illustrate our past accomplishments, our present programs and future plans. This brochure has been prepared to assist the members of the 383D QM Det. (AS) in having a deeper understanding of the Detachment and it's mission.

## ORGANIZATION

2. The 383D QM Det. (AS) operates under TOE 10-500D.

## Personnel Authorized

Two Officers

One Warrant Officer

Sixty One, Enlisted Personnel

These personnel are broken down into four platoons: Pack, Air Drop, Air Items Supply and Headquarters.

Additional requirements for the operation of the unit are provided by it's own " in House " support.

Orderly Room

Motor Pool

Mess Hall

Perimeter Security

No TOE authorization exist for the above.

MISSION

3. The 383D QM Det. (AS) is assigned to the 266th Supply and Service Battalion (Direct Support), 29th General Support Group, U.S. Army Support Command Saigon. The 383D QM Det. (AS) provides emergency re-supply by air drop to U.S. Army and other such U.S. and free world military assistance forces within the Republic of Viet Nam as directed by the Commanding General of USASCS.

The 383D QM Det. (AS) has the capability of receiving, storing and air dropping fifty (50) tons of supplies per day for fourteen (14) days from Army, Air Force, or other service aircraft. This unit provides the rigging facilities for rigging all classes of supplies for air drop, and provides a parachute packing facility in support of assigned missions. Logistical support for non-routine combat operations are defined in supplemental operational plans and orders.

## PRE-VIET NAM HISTORY

The 383D Quartermaster Detachment (Aerial Supply) was organized at Ft. Lee Virginia. The personnel forming the 383D Quartermaster Detachment (Aerial Supply) were taken from the 109th Quartermaster Company (Aerial Delivery), at that time also located at Ft. Lee, Virginia.

## HISTORY IN VIET NAM

The 383D Quartermaster Detachment (Aerial Supply) arrived in the Republic of Viet Nam in June 1965 and was located at the Quin Nhon area. After a short stay in the Quin Nhon area, the 383 QM Det. (AS) moved to Saigon where it operated as an Aerial Delivery Company (Provisional). Then in November 1966, the 383D QM Det. (AS) moved to Cam Rahn Bay and was attached to it's Big Brother Unit the 109th QM Co. (AD). Finally on the 6th of December 1967, the 383D QM Det. (AS) moved to it's present location, Bien Hoa Army Base, which is located about twenty eight miles north east of Saigon. The unit is located on the northwest perimeter of the Bien Hoa Army Base, and approximately fifty meters from the perimeter of defense. The 383D QM Det. (AS) moved into an area that was once occupied by the 319th Artillery Battery.

## HISTORY IN VIET NAM 1969

23 Jan. The operations area retrograded 240 G-12C cargo parachutes to Japan. These parachutes come to a total value of \$344,000 that has been put back into the supply system.

24 Jan. The 383D QM Det. (AS) turned in 10 tons of excess ammunition to the 3rd Ordnance Battalion.

25 Jan. SFC Robert Brown and Sgt Clark went out for one day and inspected sling lift equipment belonging to the 2/35th Artillery, II Field Forces, Long Binh.

26 Jan. The operations area prepared one A-22 container for sling lift containing 636 gallons of Mogas.

27 Jan. The operations area turned in a total of 10.5 tons of excess ammunition to the 3rd Ordnance Battalion.

30 Jan. Since the step up in the operations area in the retrograding of excess parachutes, the men put out a fantastic quantity of 721 G-12 cargo parachutes and 310 G-13 cargo parachutes in one day.

3 Feb. The operations area retrograded a total of 310 G-13 cargo parachutes to Japan today.

19 Feb. Today a total of 720 G-13 cargo parachutes were retrograded to Japan today.

5 Mar. The Air Drop section today removed 88 G-12C parachutes from their loads and gave them a routine inspection and returned them back to the storage area.

6 Mar. The pack section put 64 G-12C parachutes on two warehouse trailers to expedite the movement of parachutes from the storage area to the rigging site upon notification of a mission.

6 Mar. The air drop section put 70 A-22 containers and CDS skirt boards along with necessary expendable air items required in rigging were placed in two conex boxes in the Class V rigging area.

17 Mar. The operations area palletized eight tons of ammunition and retrograded it back to the 3rd Ordnance Battalion.

24 Mar. Today the operations area loaded and retrograded thirty tons of ammunition back to the 3rd Ordnance Battalion.

27 Mar. Air Items Supply section prepared twenty three conex boxes of excess equipment for shipment to USADIB.

5 May. Eight parachute bins were constructed to aid in the proper storage of parachutes.

6 May. Many hours were spent on the construction of a new maintenance area within the operations building. Additional hours were spent in the assembly of sewing machines and putting them in operating condition.

7 May. The cargo parachutes were removed from depot pack and put into conex boxes for proper storage.

8 May. Preparation of the Class V storage area to make room for the engineer equipment has been completed and the construction for the upgrading of the Class V area is under way.

14 Jun. Three sewing machines were assembled and were put into operating condition today.

5 Jun. Many projects have been started in the company area to improve the living conditions and appearance. A few of these are the following:

A. Weather proofing exterior of billets.

B. Complete re-building of the Day room.

C. Patching around the company area.

D. Built new tower for a 1,000 gallon water tank.

13 June. Bien Hoa Army Base was hit by a number of 322 MM rockets and

2nd Platoon and Sp4 Koy of the 383D QM Det. (A3), were hit by shrapnel white exploding cover.

19 Aug. During the daily inspection of the pre-rigged stock, two loads were found to be unserviceable for air drop due to the damage of the honey comb material. These loads were re-rigged and put back into stock.

26 Aug. Two additional rigging lines were set up, one in the Class V rigging area for the pre-rigged stock. This was to insure the separation of the WP ammunition from the HE ammunition, and to promote easier handling during mission and the re-rigging of the loads during the daily inspections. The other rigging line was set up in the pre-organized Class III rigging area to insure the easy handling of the loads when necessary, and easy accessibility in the event of a mission.

27 Aug. Realignment of personnel was implemented in order to take better advantage of the shortage of personnel. Instead of Headquarters, Pack, Mr. Prop and the AUS sections, the Detachment has been broken down into two platoons. Headquarters and Operations, (A3), were hit by shrapnel exploding cover.

28 Aug. During the daily inspection of the pre-rigged stock, one load was found to be unserviceable for air drop due to the damage.

29 Aug. Two additional rigging lines were set up, one in the Class V

rigging area for the pre-rigged stock. This was to insure the easy

11 Sept. Today the work was completed on the AB barracks and now the renovation has started on the Pack barracks.

12 Sept. A completely new laundry system is being set up in the company. It is not completed, but is serving the troops on a much broader scale. It is expected to have an impact on individual appearance, individual barracks areas, and moral as a whole. This new system cost less and offers much more.

13 Sept. Two troop barracks have been completed and the third one is now under renovation. The troops have moved into the two barracks that have been completed.

17 Sept. The 383D put on a Air Drop demonstration for the new aircraft assigned to the 266th S&S Bn. The drop consisted of two containers (A-21) being dropped by parachutes as wing bundles from an Army transport wing aircraft, from an altitude of 360 ft. This drop was a fine demonstration of the true capabilities of the 383D CM Det. (AS). One additional flight was made. This included the dropping of three bundles, two low velocity wing bundles, and one high velocity door bundle. Total weight of all the bundles was 1,120 lbs.

20 Sept. The 383D dispatched a rigging team to sling out supplies and equipment for the 2nd/50th DART, U.S. Air Force, to one of their sites in Tay Nihn.

4 Oct. The 383D was called upon by PA&E at the 208 yd. ADIB, to sling cut a 60 ft. pole for the 1st Australian Task Force. A team of riggers led by Sgt Donalds was sent out to rigg the 60 ft. pole for sling lift, but the mission was delayed for a total of 48 hrs. On the 6th of Oct. the rigging team was sent out again to the 208 yd. ADIB, and prepared the 60 ft. pole for sling lift. At approximately 0830 hrs the 1st AF Forces sent over a CH-47 helicopter and the pole was picked up and delivered to it's destination in Muif Dat.

7 Oct. The 383D was called upon to go to Bearcat and render assistance and advice on the final inspection and slinging out of a M176 bridge, for the 20th Eng. Bde. Sgt Tucker was sent out on this mission and made what corrections that were necessary there on the spot.

8 Oct. A new barb wire fence was put around the 383D detachment area. The tall grass is being cut down, and the painting of the Sundry Club has been completed.

25 Oct. The 383D put on a parachute pull off demonstration at the Battalion theatre for the newcomers of the 266th SFG Bn. Sp4s Maxwell being instructed by Mr. Miller, Operations Officer of the 383D, displayed the various stages of the T-10 personnel parachute during deployment. SSG Carrington of the 383D displayed and demonstrated the proper wearing, fitting, and activation of the Personnel parachute B-12. This demonstration also included the displaying of the various types of Aerial Delivery Containers and parachutes used by the 383D during a mission.

31 Oct. Cpt. Zinsmeister, CO of the 383D and Sgt Donalds, AD section sergeant, went to Phu Loi and payed Cpt. Miller, OIC of the 520th AVN. Det. an informal visit. Cpt. Zinsmeister and Sgt Donalds were mainly concerned in the external transportation procedures and equipment used by this detachment in the slinging out of supplies and equipment. Cpt. Miller discussed with Cpt. Zinsmeister the problems encountered within the detachment on different sling load missions. Sgt Donalds rendered advice on the proper external transportation procedures and discussed further on the equipment used in the slinging out of supplies and equipment.

3 Nov. The 383D had a surveillance team come from the 3rd Guidance Bn. Led by MSG Hoffman, they inspected and classified all the ammunition in the Class V rigging area that was no longer a requirement to the mission of the unit. MSG Hoffman also rendered assistance and advice on the proper methods of turning in excess ammunition to the 3rd Guidance Bn.

4 Nov. The 383D was visited by a surveillance team from the 6th CM Bn. The team took lab samples of the different POL in the Class III rigging area to insure that the POL met the required specifications.

5 Nov. The 383D assisted Cpt. Bell, OIC Bien Hoa Base TOC, by transporting six pre-fab bunkers by S-6ten S&P from Long Binh to Bien Hoa. Purpose of the bunkers was for Bien Hoa Base Defense.

7 Nov. Lt. King, executive officer of the 383D went to Cam Rahn Bay to coordinate with the 109th QM CO. (AD) on the turn in of TOE equipment that was left behind by personnel of the 109th QM CO (AD) at the 383D during the "Rice Mill Project".

7 Nov. SFC Glass NCOIC of the 383D operations area and Sgt Donalds, AD Section Sgt. conducted a 100% inventory of the un-rigged ammunition to the Class V rigging area. At this time SFC Glass and Sgt Donalds made on the spot improvements in the Class V area to improve storage procedures for easy accessibility in the event of a mission. They also tagged each load with the DODAC number and quantity to insure the easy identification and to promote easier inventory methods.

8 Nov. SFC Carrington, ASST NCOIC of the 383D operations area, supervised and completed the re-rigging of all the pre-rigged loads in the Class V rigging area.

8 Nov. The 383D is continuing to support the 11th AGR and the 426th S&S Bn, 101st ABN Div. (rear), in the movement of supplies and equipment.

9 Nov. Sgt Donalds, AD section sgt. turned in approximately nine tons of ammunition to the 3rd Ordnance Bn. This ammunition was no longer a requirement to the mission of the unit and was declared excess.

10 Nov. Cpt. Brooks, Aerial Delivery Officer of the 1st Australian Task Force, visited Mr. Miller, Operations Officer of the 383D. Cpt. Brooks was mainly interested in the rigging techniques used by the 383D. Mr. Miller and Cpt. Brooks discussed the different methods of rigging air drop containers and the procedures used in preparing equipment for external transportation.

10 Nov. Cpt. Zinsmeister, CO of the 383D and Mr. Miller, OIC of the operations area, 383D, attended a briefing given by LTC Bryant from ASCOM at the 35th S&S Bn. Hq. 1st Cav. LTC Bryant briefed and rendered technical assistance to the personnel who attended the briefing on the new sling-loading techniques that have been improvised and approved by ASCOM.

11 Nov. LTC Herbut, 11th AVN. Grp., surveyed the operations area of 383D (Class III area and below) for the purpose of converting the rigging area into a Aircraft Maintenance area.

12 Nov. The 383D operations completed the cementing the main gate bunker.

13 Nov. The 383D received an un-classified message from Saigon Support Command stating that the 383D will receive at least one training mission a month on Aerial Re-supply. The message stated that the unit will receive a commitment of no less than 25 tons and no more than 50 tons per month.

16 Nov. Cpt. Schultze of the New Zealand Forces, Liaison Officer of Saigon Support Command for the 1st Australian Task Force payed a formal visit to the 383D. Cpt. Schultze coordinated with Mr. Miller, Operations Officer, 383D on the repack of cargo parachutes for the 1st Australian Task Force in Nui Dat.

12 Nov. The 383D received a mission request from Lt. Hamilton, Aerial Supply Officer, Saigon Support Command, requesting the emergency re-supply of 56 drums of diesel fuel, total weight of the mission would be 29,498 lbs. Upon receipt of the mission request Cpt. Zijnsmeister, CO of the 383D, and Mr. Miller, Operations Officer, initiated all the necessary paper work and started coordinating with the Airlift Control Element, MACV TMA Office and the Load Planning and Receiving Cell of the 8th Aerial Port, Bien Hoa Air Base, to establish a station time and to insure that proper equipment would be available for the loading of the aircraft. A total of 14 A-22 Aerial Delivery Containers were taken from the pre-rigged stock and were prepared for air drop and loaded on a 5-ton S&P for transportation to Bien Hoa Air Base.

15 Nov. At 0530 hrs. the 383D arrived at the Load Planning and Receiving Office, 8th Aerial Port. The Air Force furnished a 25K loader to transfer the Aerial Delivery containers from the 5-ton S&P to the aircraft. SFC Glass, operations NCOIC of the 383D, and Sgt Knopp, the loadmaster of the aircraft conducted the joint Army and Air Force inspection of the parachutes, aerial delivery containers, skid blocks, static lines, release parachute and the release line to insure everything was in order. Sgt Knopp supervised the loading of the aircraft. At approximately 0830 hrs. LTC Smith, the aircraft commander, briefed Sgt Donalds, Sp4 Dehnam, Sp4 Martin of the 383D, and Sp4 Bullger, PIO Section SSC, on aircraft safety and the speed and altitude the aircraft would be flying. At 0900 hrs. the aircraft took off from Bien Hoa and arrived over the drop zone at about 1110 hrs. At approximately

1140 hrs. the air drop was executed and all the parachutes opened and all the loads hit the drop zone.

3 Dec. The 383D provided support to the 109th QM CO (AD) in the recovery of supplies and equipment during a re-supply mission in VN. SSG Taylor was assisted by Sp4 Richardson and Sp4 Maxwell, as a recovery team they de-rigged all of the equipment and prepared the items equipment for sling lift to the nearest 1st Log Supply Element. Again on 9 Dec. a recovery team consisting of Sgt Reynolds, and Sp4 Greenaway, supported the 109th QM CO (AD) on a similar mission in the same area.

6 Dec. The 383D was payed a formal visit by ITC Fulp and his successor ITC White, and SMG Landry of the 266th S&S Bn. Cpt. Zinsmeister briefed them on the capabilities of the 383D and it's mission, and guided them on a tour of the company area. Mr. Miller, Operations Officer of the 383D showed slides on the different stages of rigging and preparing equipment for air drop using the container delivery system. Mr. Miller and Cpt. Zinsmeister accompanied ITC Fulp, ITC White and SMG Landry in a tour of the operations area which included the Class III and Class V rigging area.

10 Dec. The 383D had a team come from the 20th Preventive Medicine Detachment take samples of all the water loads rigged for airdrop. The water was found to be contaminated and not fit for human consumption. The 383D requested assistance from the 624th S&S for the support of a water truck so that the water containers could be filled as soon as possible.

11 Dec. The operations platoon took seven pallets of C-rations to the 4th Veterinarian Detachment to be checked for service life and condition. A total of four pallets were found to be out of date. These were taken to the Class I yard and exchanged for four new pallets.

15 Dec. The 383D was notified of Mission No. 12-165, items recovered were as follows: Limited to 32 A-22 Containers.

CLASS I	CLASS V	CLASS VIII
Water 1,000 gal.	G-955 720 rds	Barb wire 100 yds
MCI 5,376	G-940 720 rds	Concertina wire 100 yds
IRP RATIONS 4,608		22" stakes 100

The following loads were rigged for mission 12-165

G-955	G-940	MCI	IRP Rations	Concertina wire
1-A-22	1-A-22	7-A-22	2-A-22	8-A-22
Concertina wire & IRP Rations				Water & Concertina wire
12-A-22				1-A-22

The drop loads for mission ER12-165 were loaded on the aircraft at Bien Hoa AFB on 20 Dec. and successfully dropped to the 101st QM CO at DZ Eagle II at 11:0 hrs. the same day. There were no malfunctions. Total weight of the drop was 50,264 lbs.

Col. Gephart of the 29th Gen. Sup. Grp, and ITC White, commanding officer of the 266th S&S Bn. and Eng Laundry of the 266th S&S Bn. observed the 383D while it was loading the aircraft at Bien Hoa AFB.

22 Dec. The 383D continues to support the 109th QM CO (AD) in the recovery of air items from the delta.



27 Dec. Mr. Miller the operations officer of the 38D conducted a briefing for the newcomers tour at the 266th S&S Bn theatre, he was assisted by Ssg Carrington, asst. operations NCOIC.

28 Dec. Mr. Miller coordinated with CWO Palmer, Pack Officer of the A/MG Company, 1st Cav. Div. on the additional mission the 38D will conduct to pack the 1st Cav. personnel parachutes. CWO Palmer will notify the 38D Operations Section when he needs the assistance.

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Jan. 69, 15 Sling Loads for the II Field Forces.

Jan. 69, Rigged 32 CDS Loads for Air Drop

Feb. 69, Rigged 47 CDS Loads for Air Drop

Mar. 69, Conducted sling loading classes for the personnel of the 3rd Ordnance Battalion.

Mar. 69, Slinged out supplies and equipment for the 2nd/50th DAWC, USAF, to one of their sites in Tay Ninh.

Slinged out two 15KW generators for the 2nd Signal Bde.

Mar. 69, Slinged out a 60 ft. pole for PA&E, 200 yard ADLB, it was delivered to the 1st Australian Task Force in Nui Dat.

Slinged out a M16 bridge for the 20th Engineers at Phu Cat.

Conducted a sling inspection for the 520th AVN CO. at Phu Cat.

Nov. 69, Rigged 14 CDS loads of Class I, III and V and dropped it to the 101st ABN Div. on DZ Eagle. 18.5 tons.

Dec. 69, Rigged 32 CDS loads of Class I and III, and dropped it to the 101st AVN Div. on DZ Eagle. 25 tons.

Rigged 12 CDS loads and dropped it to CO. A of the 5th Special Forces Group.

## AWARDS & DECORATIONS

### BROWN STAR MEDAL

SFC Robert Brown  
SFC Joseph Richardson  
SFC Ronald Offt  
SFC Henry Smith  
SFC Mc Daniel  
SSG John Lamb

### ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

1st Lt. Bruce King  
SSG Isbell  
SSG Clark  
Sgt Austin  
Sgt Powers  
Sgt Tucker  
Sp4 Hueher

### PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Sp4 Newland  
Sp4 Kay

### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sgt Syverson  
Sp4 Post

### SAFE DRIVING AWARD

Sp4 Newland  
Sp4 Shepard  
Sp4 Caylord  
Sp4 Gore

## COMMANDING OFFICERS

Captain Billy R. Franklin Jan. 69 thru Apr. 69  
1st Lt. Bruce M. King May. 69 thru Jun. 69  
Captain Hubert Zinsmeister Jun. 69 andupresent time.

## CIVIC ACTIONS

Dec. 25th, On Christmas Day the 383D QM Det. (AS) played host to five Vietnamese orphans, presents and candy were given to the orphans after sharing Christmas dinner with the men of the 383D QM Det. (AS).

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You might also get more information from the morning reports of the unit, which are in the National Personnel Records Center, address on front.

We have no record that a unit history has ever been compiled for the unit. Neither have we any information about a veterans' association having been formed for it.