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TRANSPORTATION AND TROOP MOVEMENT

On 23 February 1967 the 188th Aviation Company received a directive for a Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

The move would be made in four groups. Leaves varied depending on ^{group} departure date.

Group one departed Mobile Alabama on 30 March 1967 on the Merchant Marine ship SS ALLISON Lykes. The thirtyday voyage ^{took} them through the Panama Canal enroute to Newport, ^{Harbor Shipyard} ~~Saigon~~ arriving on 30 April 1967.

A four man detail consisting of Captain Robert George, Staff Sergeant Floyd Allen, S/1 Kersey and S/1 Richard Cadreau

accompanied the unit equipment. After docking in Saigon part of the Company arrived from Dan Tien to unload and transport our TOE equipment, less air craft and eleven containers filled with tools and repair parts. Assistance was also provided by the 7th T.C. Bn. 48th T.C. Group stationed in Long Binh. The 7th S&T. Staging area in Long Binh was used as a holding area until the Allison Lykes was completely unloaded.

(A) WABTOC equipment (75 tons) was also unloaded for convey.

Along with 189th & Mohawk Co.

Group II left Alameda Naval Shipyard on 22 April 1967 on the USS Kella Gulf. 31 aircraft along with 11 Conexes full of repair parts and tools arrived in Vung Tau on 6 May 1967. The aircraft were ferried to Dan Trang by unit pilots on 23 May 1967 and the CONEXes were transported by Air Force C-123 Aircraft. The only major loss of equipment occurred during shipment. One Conex containing repair parts and a hydraulic set unit was diverted during shipment and never located. Along with us the 189th & a Mohawk company. We were one of the first units in NAM with the H Model Bell Huey.

^{The}
Group IV Advance Party left Campbell by C-141 Starlifter
via ~~ELMENTORF~~ AFB Alaska ^{AFB Fusa, Japan} to Ushota, Japan &
Bun Hoa. ^{Air Force base} Then by C-130 to Dan Tien. The group
arriving at Bun Hoa on 26 April 1967 with our ^(X.O.) EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Major James Rungu acting as our unit representative.
They were flown by Air Force C-130 Hercules to Dan
Tien, where they formulated plans for the company
area, operational area, ¹⁵ defensive bunker positions,
the 03 inactive runway, "THE WEB") where the 31
helicopter reorganizations and maintenance would be set
up for the unit and its detachments. Construction
and co-ordination was made with Base Development
Offices at Dan Tien (Camp Romier) to establish requirements
for permanent construction. Maintenance of these facilities
is furnished by Pacific Architects and Engineers (Korean civilian
workers). [⊗] Set up tents, showers and mess hall.

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later after
numerous
military attacks
the units moved
to locations
all around
Camp

TOE - Table of Organization & equipment -
(authorized goods)

Group III The main group left Ft Campbell on April 28, 1967 by C-141. Sarlifter. There were four different flights out with stop at. ELMENDORF AFB Alaska, Yokota AFB, Fusa, Japan and Bien Hoa. The next Commanding Officer, Major Bobby Wofford arrived on 30 April 1967 with the remainder of the unit and was met at Bien Hoa Airfield by the 12th Group Executive Officer, LTC Sheppard. The Company was then airlifted to Dan Trieng. Major Wofford was flown to the Bn base camp at Cu Chi to be briefed by the Bn Commander LTC James H. Therman.

DXd - Depot Exchange Program - 20th Trans Co ^{salvage yard} Cu Chi

Bone yard - 605 Trans Co Phu Loi

armament repair - parts

Training 5 sticks 2 guns

Base Camp

Tents would be built between the rows of rubber trees. Permanent structures would be constructed in already cleared areas adjacent to the plantation dirt road. After arriving at Camp Ramier the C.O. and X.O. were briefed by ^{a colonel} from the 3rd Brigade 4th I.D. Headquarters. He clarified that the company area had already been cleared of rubber trees and ^{that} any damage done to the existing rubber trees would put the liability on the U.S. Government don't cut or damage trees. The French flew in every Thursday to collect \$ for damages done to their trees. Plantation Manager

Group 1 Advance
Group 2 Mobile Alcs
Group 3 Kulk Gull
& C-141 Campbell

DEPLOYMENT

On 23 February 1967 the 188th received a movement directive for a Permanent Change of Station. The move would be made in four groups.

Group 3 26 men on TDY assignment for the purpose of ferrying Alcs from Sharpe Army Depot to the Port of Alameda and preparing them for overseas shipment, and return to Campbell. 14 men from the original group were assigned as attendants to accompany unit ^{recorders &} equipment overseas. The gun ships flew to Sharpe.

Group 1 The advance party arrived at Bin Hoa ^{leg 1-141} on 25 April 1967. With XO Major James Purdie as our unit representative they were flown by C-130 Hercules to Dau Teig where they formulated plans for the living area, ^(the web) operational area, 03 ^{movements} active runway where the ^{movements} and maintenance would be set up for the unit and its detachments.