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27/30 JUL 67. Saigon/Lad 100, 100 - Handling an average 20 to 25,000 lbs. of mail daily, consisting of letters and packages, seems to be a tough job for the Post Office Department in Viet-Nam, but it is handled with ease, daily, by the Military Mail Service Personnel of the 1st Logistical Command.

When the mail arrives at Tan Son Nhut Airport, near Saigon, by one of many Cargo Flights chartered by the Military, it is offloaded, and taken to the U.S. Air Force Post Office Depot to be broken down to the many APO packages located in and around Saigon. Then, as the mail is broken down, it is one of three methods used: 1st, the other two, located at Tan Son Nhut, approx. 100 miles north from Saigon and a large, approx. 300 miles north from Saigon.

The APO Mailmen pick up their mail by truck at the Air Force Postal Depot and in turn break it down to their assigned units. Then the mail is loaded back on trucks, taken to the Air Force Base at Tan Son Nhut, and loaded on Air Force Cargo Planes and flown into their predestinated areas.

In some areas where an Air Force Cargo Plane can not land due to limited landing capabilities, Army H-1 Helicopters are used.

The mail is brought into these areas, and taken to the APO stations of that area. While being broken down into the units of that area, the APO notifies the Unit Mail Clerk that the mail has been received. Then the Unit Mail Clerk reads their APO station, the mail is ready for pick up. After signing for their mail bags the Clerk takes their mail back to their Unit area.

In their areas, the mail clerks break the mail down into packages of their unit. While this is being done, the Company Mail Clerks are notified to pick up their mail. In the Company Area, the Company Mail Clerk distributes the mail to the men. If his Company is on Field Messing, the mail is sent to the men by way of a Co-Supply Motor Carrier or a Co-Supply Helicopter. If a man has been wounded or taken from the area for any reason, the mail is immediately sent back along with a forwarding address, to the Unit Mail Clerk, that same day.

The Postal Unit also picks up getting all mail delivered to the addresses.

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ROLL # 1

- LS - Truck leaving 1st, Logistic Command, mail station.
- MS - Same as above - different angle.
- LS - MM - as truck enters air strip, heading toward plane.
- LS - Truck backing into plane.
- MS - Mail being taken from truck and being loaded on planes.

ROLL # 2

- LS - Plane starting.
- MS - Engine warming up as Crew Chief gives OK, signal.
- MS - Mail being removed from plane to truck.
- MS - Mail being offloaded from truck.

ROLL # 3

- CU - SP/4 John R. MITCHELL (La Salle, Illinois) clerk in charge of APO, helps unload truck.
- CU - SP/4 MITCHELL's hands, checking mailbag for proper APO number.
- LS - Unit Mail Clerks, picking up mailbags.
- MS - SP/4 Jose MARTINEZ, (Chicago Heights, Illinois) Unit Mail Clerk, checks a package.
- CU - Package.

ROLL # 4

- MS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, picks up a package and mailbag, and carries them off.
- MS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, walking with mailbag and package.
- MS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, puts mailbag and package in truck.
- MS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, motions to the mail guard and they get in the truck and drive off.
- MS - Truck backing into Unit Mail Area.

ROLL # 5

- MS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, assorting mail packages into Companies.
- CU - SP/4 MARTINEZ, hands, opening mailbag.
- MS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, assorting packages.
- MS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, putting packages in mailbags for the Companies of his Unit.

ROLL # 6

- LS - SP/4 MARTINEZ, assorting letters.
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- LS - Van unloading Semi-trailer.
- LS - Pfc. Robert B. BURLAND (Jackson, Mississippi) APO Mail Clerk of 1st Logistics Command, emptying mail bag.
- CS - Mail being dumped on table.
- CS - PFC BURLAND, sorting mail bundles.

MAIL 2

- CV - Mail going into bags.
- MS - PFC Henry J. HESLOH (Alton, Michigan) seals a filled bag and walks off.
- MS - PFC HESLOH, putting mail bags on truck and loads other mail bags.

MAIL 3

- LS - Plane taking into unloading area. (Mail arriving on Military Chartered flight)
- MS - Ground crew, opening mail cargo hatch.
- MS - Mail unloading conveyor being directed into cargo hatch.
- CV - Mail being unloaded from plane onto conveyor
- MS - Man taking mail from conveyor and loading it into mail Igloo trailer carts.

MAIL 4

- LS - Igloos in route of travel to Air Force Postal Depot.

MAIL 5

- MS - Mail Igloos pulling along side of unloading dock.
- MS - Igloos being pulled off carts and onto APO Distributing Area.
- MS - HSFN DE WHEEL - same as above.
- LS - HSFN/O.S.A.F./ White K. FARMAN (Baltimore, Maryland) shift leader, supervises APO breakdown and destination, as directed 1st class (A/IC) Charles C. BLALOCK (Concordville, California) APO Representative, helping with the APO mail breakdown and destination.
- CS - A/IC BLALOCK's hands, checks for proper APO number.

MAIL 6

- LS - A/IC Blalock, putting mail bag on APC, semi-trailer.
- CS - APC number (94091)
- CS - APC number (94092)
- LS - Company Mail Clerks picking up their mail.

MAIL 7

- LS - Company Mail Clerk walks from building.

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MAIL # 12-2011.

- IS - Mail Clerk puts mailbag in Jeep and Jeep driven off.
- IS - Jeep driving over rough terrain.
- IS - SP/4 Travis MOORE (Houston, Texas) Field Mail Carrier, takes mail bag to SCF, in charge of Field Operations.

MAIL # 13

- IS - SCF/4-5, Robert D. HEUBLE (Grand Rapids, Michigan) in charge of Field Operations, passes mail to APC (Armored Personnel Carrier) Crew Chief.
- IS - PFC Eugene LIPKIN (Shelton, Washington) Crew Chief, passes mail to his gunner.
- CU - SP/4 Lee SHANING (Harrington, North Carolina) Gunner, on APC, reading a letter from home.
- CU - SP/4 Robert E. KIRCHIT (Brooklyn, New York) Radio Transmitter Operator, reading a letter from home.

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REMARKS:

Lack of transition shots to tie in sequence, an example was the aircraft loading and unloading. We could have used a take-off shot and possibly a landing shot. Partially lost loop on rolls 6,8,9,12, and 13 suggest improper loading. These lost loops usually lasted 2 or 3 scences, then righted themselves. Noticeable soft focus, Rolls 10, 11 and 12. On interiors there was no attempt to use separation light in background. There is enough footage to make a short story, however in the future spend more time planning your story. Exposure and captions okey.

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