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On 25 July 1962, the 2d Civil Affairs Detachment was activated by General Order Number 67, Headquarters, U.S. Continental Army Command. The unit was attached to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

From 27 October to 3 December 1962, twenty-three officers were attached to the 9th Civil Affairs Group to fill TOE positions during the "Cuban Crisis".

On 1 February 1963, the unit was attached to the U.S. Army Special Warfare Center for operational control.

The 2d Civil Affairs Detachment was attached to the 6th Special Forces Group on 5 December 1963. On 6 January 1964 the 6th Special Forces Group assumed operational control of the unit.

By General Order 23, Headquarters, CONARC, the unit was redesignated as a "Company". This added officer spaces to the authorized strength.

Effective 1 July 1964, all positions of the 2d Civil Affairs Company were designated "airborne".

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The 2d Civil Affairs Company was re-organized, effective 16 May 1966, by General Order 189, Headquarters, Third United States Army. The unit designated only was transferred from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Fort Gordon, Georgia. Concurrently, the unit assignment was changed from CONARC to the Third United States Army.

The re-organization, under TOE 41-500D, authorized a strength of 22 commissioned officers and 70 enlisted men.

Pending the assignment and arrival of permanent party personnel of the newly-created unit, LTC Alexander F. Warshall, 95th Civil Affairs Group, and 1LT Charles P. Lickson, 29th Civil Affairs Company, assumed the duties of commanding officer and administrative officer respectively.

The first enlisted man to be assigned was the supply sergeant, SSG (E6) Ronald K. Grubbs, who joined the company 23 May 1966.

The first commissioned officer to be assigned was LTC James S. Conklin, the new unit's first commanding officer.

The company physically occupied several structures adjacent to the sponsoring 95th Civil Affairs Group area, to wit: a two-story troop billet, a two-story administration building, a one-story supply building, a one-story supply storage annex, and a motor shop area. These same buildings had been occupied previously by the 29th Civil Affairs Company prior to that unit's movement overseas.

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and Yena, whose ETS would preclude their accompanying the unit in it's overseas deployment.

Early in October, officer personnel were invited to participate in a formal "Dining In" ceremony, conducted by the President of the Mess, COL John M. Kinzer, Commanding Officer of the 95th Civil Affairs Group. MG Walter B. Richardson was the guest of honor. Several prominent civic leaders from Augusta were also in attendance as guests of the mess. The program was both informative and entertaining.

The first two weeks in October found the company busily engaged in the final throes of inspecting equipment, packing and crating, and, ultimately, sending it on it's way. Credit for the successful accomplishment of meeting all "deadlines" must properly be accorded 1LT Karl Yena, Unit Movement Officer, whose diligence and dedication made the tasks easier for all.

On 7 and 8 October respectively, 2LT's Schneider and Napp were promoted to 1LT.

On 14 October, the officers and ladies of the 2d Civil Affairs Company held a unit party at the Officers Open Mess, Fort Gordon, Ga. COL John M. Kinzer, Commanding Officer of the 95th Civil Affairs Group, and MAJ Wilburn Fuqua, Commanding Officer of the 42d Civil Affairs Company, were guests of honor.

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The following day, unit motor vehicles, in convoy, were delivered to the Charleston Outport, Charleston, S.C., where they were loaded aboard ship to begin their long trek overseas. 1LT Schneider and SSG (E6) Levin Ashby were selected to accompany the shipment to it's overseas destination.

That same evening, the officers and ladies of the 2d Civil Affairs Company were feted by the 95th Civil Affairs Group at a "Hail-Farewell" Social Event at the Officers Open Mess, Fort Gordon.

On 15 October, MAJ Whitehead, Operations Officer, departed the unit for an overseas assignment in Vietnam. He was replaced by the Executive Officer, MAJ Saunders, who, in turn, was replaced by MAJ Bowers.

On 1 November, medical CPT Stuart W. Slingerland joined the company and 2LT's Cusumano and Lynch were promoted to 1LT.

On 4 November, the company participated in a Farewell Review, attended by MG Walter B. Richardson, Fort Gordon Post Commander, who wished the company success in accomplishing it's overseas mission. LTC Conklin, 1SG Morlan, and SSG Grubbs were recipients of Certificates of Achievement for outstanding service.

Company personnel, officers and enlisted, assembled in the company area at 2400 hours on 7 November, preparatory to leaving

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for Augusta's Bush Field at 0300 hours, 8 November. Garbed in battle dress, the first of two groups departed by commercial jet at 0530 hours, arrived in Atlanta approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later, and transloaded onto a larger aircraft. The ensuing leg commenced at 0730 hours and, after a refueling stop at Dallas, landed at San Francisco International Airport shortly before noon, local time. Buses quickly took the first contingent to the Oakland Army Terminal, where the USNS W.H. Gordon was docked. (The second group, composed of eight officers, had similar, though later, travel arrangements).

The company (minus the advance party) consisted of 14 officers and 66 enlisted men.

The advance party, composed of LTC Conklin, CPT's Frankoski, Glynn, and Watkins, 1LT Napp, PFC's Filbert and Unger, departed CONUS by air on 18 November.

The USNS Gordon, with the main body aboard, sailed from San Francisco at 0730 hours, 9 November. After sailing along the coastline to San Diego, the USNS Gordon departed United States coastal waters on 10 November enroute to Southeast Asia.

Most of the 2d Civil Affairs Company personnel assumed duties and responsibilities aboard ship. The voyage, while not unpleasant, did prove to be lengthy: 28 days.

The USNS Gordon anchored at Vung Tau on the morning of

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6 December. The commanding Officer, LTC Conklin, was waiting ashore to greet the officers and men of his command. He was accompanied by LTC Robert C. Wooleyhan, Commanding Officer of the 53rd Signal Battalion, sponsoring unit for the 2d Civil Affairs Company "in country."

The arriving personnel were trucked to the Vung Tau Air-strip, where they boarded C-123 aircraft for the 45-minute flight to Bien Hoa Air Base.

The last leg of the trip, via truck, took the group from Bien Hoa Air Base to the IIFORCEV base camp at Long Binh, a distance of only 5 miles.

The unit was initially housed under canvas and was "satellited" on the 9th Transportation Car Company for rations.

Assigned to USARV, the 2d Civil Affairs Company was relieved from same on 7 December and assigned to II FFORCEV per Paragraph 1, General Order 6751, Headquarters, USARV, APO 96307.

On 10 December 2LT Santillo was promoted to 1LT.

Arrival "in country" entailed the assumption of a new and challenging mission for the company. The new mission called for the furnishing of civil affairs support to thirteen brigade-size combat units. This necessitated an internal re-alignment of teams and personnel in order that the mission could be assumed and the platoons committed as directed.

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The company headquarters, located at II FFORCEV base camp at Long Binh, consisted of LTC Conklin, MAJ's Bowers and Saunders, CPT's Church, Lessard and Slingerland, LT's Napp and Hooks, 1SG Morlan, SSG's Green and Johnson, SP5 Olson, SP4's Harvey and Ingwaldson, PFC's Anderson, Christman, Filbert, Hanzely, Melton, Menard, Morris, Phoenix, Ponce, Rodriguez, Taylor and Unger.

On 18 December MAJ Saunders, CPT Abney, LT's Weiskopf and Young were on TDY in Saigon for five days for the purpose of attending the MACV-USAID-JUSPAO Advisor Orientation Course.

Per General Order 616, Headquarters, 1st United States Infantry Division, dated 29 December 1966, the Army Commendation Medal was awarded to 2LT Koza (41) for meritorious achievement from 28 Sep 66 to 20 Nov 66, to 2LT Ryerson (41) for meritorious achievement from 22 Sep 66 to 20 Nov 66 and to SP4 East (41) for meritorious achievement from 17 Aug to 20 Nov 66.

Shortly after the start of the New Year, word was received that a second increment, composed of 1 commissioned officer and 53 enlisted personnel, was in training at Fort Gordon and preparing to join the parent unit overseas in the latter part of March, 1967.

CPT Frankoski was promoted to the grade of Major on 4 January.

On Wednesday, 5 January 1967, after only a month "in country", a special ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in the company