

**Annual Historical Summary**  
**AKBAASV-AD (630)**  
**630th Engineer Company (Light Equipment)**  
**1 January 1964 to 31 December 1964**

Captain Carl M. Stroud, Jr. assumed command of the 630th Engineer company (Light Equipment) on 20 January 1964 vice Lt Wilmer J. Herman who was reassigned to the 31st Engineer Battalion (C)(A). One officer and 72 EM returned to the Company 21 January from a fire fighting detail in Oklahoma where 6 tractors and 5 graders had worked 985 hours cutting 76 miles of fire break. The company completed a Forth Army CMMI on 29 January 1964 with a Superior Rating.

The third platoon returned to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on 5 Feb 64, after completing the repair on Greenleaf Lake spillway near Camp Gruber, Oklahoma which was begun in 1963. The company began an ATP on 24 February. SOP's were to be written, the personnel trained, and an ATT completed prior to 30 June 1964 for an expected move of the company from Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

On 25 March First Sergeant Daryle E. Bartlett and Master Sergeant Jessie B. Johnson were awarded Army Commendation Medals for outstanding service while members of the 630th Engineer Company. Master Sergeant Johnson subsequently retired 31 March and First Sergeant Bartlett departed for Korea on 3 April. Sergeant First Class (now First Sergeant) Grady H. Burnette assumed the First Sergeant duties.

On 15 April the company completed the first IG inspection since it's reactivation in June 1963 with a rating of excellent. During the months of April and May the company spent three weeks on FTX's as a portion of its ATP. The first and third platoons built two roads gaining valuable experience working in the type soil that exist at Fort Chaffee. The second platoon continued improving the Engineer Lake Recreation area including building a 30 ft fishing pier.

The birthday of the company's initial activation in 1943. 5 May, was selected as Unit Day and celebrated with a Company Party at the completion of the ATP on 28 May.

On 8 June the 630th Engineer Company received a warning order to move to the field for the first ATT since reactivation. The company departed garrison at 0800 hours 9 June on a 22 mile tactical motor march. The test included tactical bivouac, road maintenance, building an airfield, and reorganization as infantry. The airfield, 1500 feet long and 100 feet wide with two aprons, was completed in less than 24 hours, 1 1/2 hours ahead of schedule. On 10 June Lt Col Walter Fade, CO of the 31st Engineer Battalion, approached SFC Burnette in the middle of the airfield demanding: Sgt Burnette, why aren't you in proper uniform!" and presented First Sergeant Burnette with a set of Chevrons and a promotion order. The company returned to garrison 12 June having received a grade of excellent on the ATT.

The 630th Engineer Company spent most of July and August supporting Reserve and National Guard Units training at Fort Chaffee. A large portion of this support was fire fighting. On several occasions 24 hours per day operations was necessary three to five days at a time. Another large portion of this support was the second platoon's and Quarry Section's support of the 120th & 875th Engineer Battalions. This support consisted primarily of blasting and pushing a pass across Devil's Backbone Ridge at Fort Chaffee. This project was continued after the Reserve and National Guard Units summer training until the 630th Engineer Company departed Fort Chaffee. The company received letters of appreciation for outstanding training support from the 222nd Engineer Company (CBT), Arkansas National Guard, (supported by first platoon) and from the 875th Engineer Battalion.

The company received orders on 24 July to move to Fort Bliss, Texas, on 9 October. Six key NCOs and EM departed for Fort Bliss as an advance party on 21 August. Captain Stroud accompanied