

**Annual Historical Summary**  
**EGC-630E**  
**630th Engineer Company (Light Equipment)**  
**1 January 1965 to 1 December 1965**

After moving from Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, to Fort Bliss, Texas, in December 1964, the 630th Engineer Company (LE) began training on 5 January 1965 when it participated in a Field Training Exercise. The company departed home station on a motor march of 30 miles. There were three (3) officers, 127 EM, and 72 self propelled vehicles participating in the motor march. This FTX was very valuable to the company since the men were not familiar with the problems of camouflage and vehicle operations in the desert.

On 19 January the company began an annual ORT which consisted of a 30 mile motor march, setting up a defense, supporting the 31st Engineer Battalion (C)(A) with engineer equipment, and a night move. The company completed the test on 22 January 1965 without an accident and received a Combat Ready rating. The chief umpire for the test, Lt Col Murray from Fort Hood, Texas, was a member of the 630th Engineer Company (LE) when it was activated at Camp Maxey, Texas, in 1943. He accompanied the company to Europe during WWII and commanded the company upon its return to the United States in 1945.

The 630th Engineer Company (LE) underwent a 100% Post Inspection of the equipment in the company from 2 February thru 5 February. The 630th gained valuable information concerning Fort Bliss policies while achieving an overall rating of satisfactory.

The 3rd Platoon constructed four (4) sanitary fill pits each 900 feet by 30 feet by 15 feet between 10 February and 23 March for the Civil Engineering Squadron, Biggs Air Force Base, Texas, moving over 60,000 cubic yards of earth. The company won the Service Group Reenlistment Plaque for February.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth C. Watson assumed command of the company 3 March when Captain Carl M. Stroud, Jr., who had been in the company since 20 January 1964, was transferred to the 31st Engineer Battalion (C)(A), Fort Bliss, Texas.

On 22 March the company began work on the Donna Anna Area Project in support of "B" Company, 31st Engr Bn (C)(A). This project consisted of repair on Range 45A Tank Range and a Group Base Camp. It was completed 18 May with the moving of 10,000 cubic yards of earth to build a berm 3,000 feet by 30 feet by 3 feet.

The company won its first of five (5) consecutive Commanding General's Superior Mess Awards in March. SFC Cecil L. Cooper was Mess Sergeant.

Second Lieutenant Barry J. Weir assumed command of the company 1 April when Lieutenant Watson departed for Hq Command, Schoefield Barracks, Hawaii. Lieutenant Weir was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on 2 April 1965.

On 16 April the authorized enlisted strength of the 630th Engineer Company (LE) was reduced from 180 to 143 per para 1, GO 28, HQ USAADCEN, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Upon completion of the Donna Anna Range Project on 18 May the 37 EM and equipment were re-committed to fighting fire in the mountains of New Mexico. The fire was extinguished in less than 24 hours.

In the month of May the 630th Engineer company (LE) lost several key personnel to the 864th Engr Bn, Fort Wolters, Texas, including 2nd Lt James N. Sisk, SFC Dale R. Carlson, SFC Henry Flagg,