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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Motor Transport Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

J. T. ELKINS
1-31 Mar 67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

Transport Company, 9th Motor Transport Battalion

2. LOCATION

1-31 March: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	Major J. T. ELKINS	1-31 Mar
Executive Officer	Major K. H. REAGAN	1-31 Mar
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj C. JANIEL	1-31 Mar
S-1/A/j/Legal O	2ndLt B. V. BRANSON	1-31 Mar
S-3	1stLt R. B. MEISSNER	1-31 Mar
S-3 Ass't	1stLt R. H. SHIREMAN III	1-31 Mar
S-4/Supply	WO A. D. HALL	1-31 Mar
Communications O	1stLt R. H. SHIREMAN III	1-31 Mar

Headquarters and Service Company

Commanding Officer 1stLt G. W. FUNKHOUSER 1-31 Mar

Company "A"

Commanding Officer Capt L. W. HYATT 1-31 Mar

Company "B"

Commanding Officer Capt F. W. EVANS 1-31 Mar

Company "C"

Commanding Officer Capt J. A. FREEMAN 1-31 Mar

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFF	ENL
15	273

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NONE	NONE

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1st Motor Transport Battalion primarily performed routine logistic tasks within the Da Nang TAOR during March 1967. Several convoys were conducted from Da Nang to An Hoa in support of the Vietnamese industrial complex located there which is one of the first such complexes in the I Corps.

During the period of 5 - 14 March, the Battalion received its full complement of 96, M-35A2C vehicles which will replace the M-35 vehicles presently employed by this Battalion. The new vehicles were inspected and subsequently placed on administrative deadline pending modification for structural defects.

On March 15, the Battalion conducted a "Rough Rider" convoy from its CP (AT 998719) to the Chu Lai TAOR. 31 new M-35A2C vehicles were delivered to Company "C" (OPCON 7th M. T. Bn) as T/E allocation of vehicles. The convoy returned to the Da Nang TAOR on 20 March.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5-14 Mar 1967 . . . Battalion received its full T/E allocation of M-35A2C vehicles at deep water pier, Da Nang. Vehicles administratively deadlined awaiting modifications for structural defects.

7 Mar 1967 . . . M-35 vehicle driven by Cpl G. L. JAY struck a land mine at grid coordinate BT 021572 while traveling east on Route 14. Eight Marines were wounded and the truck was totally destroyed by the mine which was estimated to be 60 pounds of TNT.

15 Mar 1967 . . . Eighty-two vehicles departed the Battalion CP at 0920 on Rough Rider convoy for Chu Lai TAOR. Convoy included 31 M-35A2C vehicles for Company "C". At BT 124484 a land mine was detonated resulting in three Marine KIA's from the Engineer Sweep Team and two more Marine WIA's. While attempting to Med-Evac these casualties enemy small arms fire was received from the west. The weapons mounted on the vehicles returned fire suppressing the enemy activity. The convoy moved on and arrived at Chu Lai at 2043.

20 Mar 1967 . . . The Rough Rider convoy departed the Chu Lai TAOR at 0708. After crossing Check Point 21 an ARVN Patrol reported VC mining of the road from BT 138470 north to BT 115491. A VC Battalion was reported to be in the vicinity of grid coordinate 138478. As the mine sweep progressed, a total of 6 mines were encountered one of which resulted in two Marine WIA's (BT 124484). Air support was on station during the entire period. The convoy continued and came under enemy fire at grid coordinate 105517. The enemy was engaged with .50 caliber machineguns as the convoy moved through the killing zone. No casualties were sustained and the convoy continued to its destination and arrived at 1910.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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