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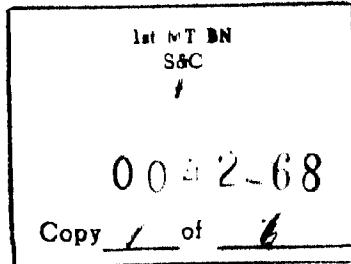
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 1st Motor Transport Battalion C. C. KSYCEWSKI, LtCol
 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF 1-31 May 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS; None ATTACHED UNITS; None

2. LOCATION
 1-31 May 1958, Gia Le Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS
 COMMANDING OFFICER LtCol C. C. KSYCEWSKI 1-31 May 68
 EXECUTIVE OFFICER Maj B. M. FLOYD 1-31 May 68
 SERGEANT MAJOR SgtMaj B. E. FORD 1-31 May 68
 S-1/ADJ/LEGAL OFFICER 1stLt I. D. MORRISON 1-31 May 68
 ASST S-1/ADJ/LEGAL OFFICER WO J. R. SAUNDERS 1-31 May 68
 S-3 Capt R. E. MANUEL 1-20 May 68
 Maj B. M. FLOYD 21-31 May 68
 S-4/Supply Officer 2dLt S. E. STINE 23-31 May 68
 S-5 1stLt R. HILL III 1-31 May 68
 Asst S-3/COMM O 1stLt D. T. GORSKI 1-31 May 68

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY
 COMMANDING OFFICER 1stLt R. NORFLEET 1-31 May 68

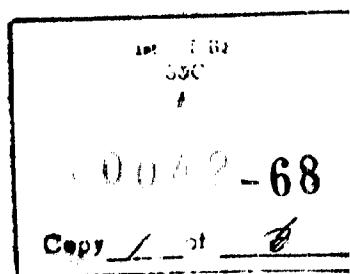
COMPANY A
 COMMANDING OFFICER 1stLt K. H. DOLAN 1-31 May 68

COMPANY B
 COMMANDING OFFICER Capt J. O. DAVIS 1-31 May 68

COMPANY C
 COMMANDING OFFICER 1stLt J. F. MADDEN 1-19 May 68
 Capt R. E. MANUEL 20-31 May 68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
19	280	1	5



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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The First Motor Transport Battalion performed routine logistical tasks within the 14th BAU/TASK FORCE XRAY and DANANG TAOR's during the month of May. The Battalion was instrumental in the transport of troops and cargo along Route #1 and its tributaries from Hue to Danang, traveling 35,401 miles, hauling 28,852 troops and transporting 1,213 tons of cargo.

In the early morning of the 21st the Gia Le/Camp Eagle complex was attacked by an estimated reinforced enemy Battalion. The First Motor Transport Battalion, acting in the capacity of Gia Le Base Defense Coordinator, arranged and coordinated the employment of UH-1 gunships, Ontos, and Tanks in stopping the enemy from penetrating the Gia Le Combat Base.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14 May 1968 - A "B" Company convoy consisting of eight (8) task vehicles departed 1st MTBn CP at 0730. Convoy arrived at 1st Battalion 27th Marines' Battalion area (Northeast of Hue) and shuttled cargo from Battalion area to Col Co Island until 1900. Convoy returned to 1st MTBn CP at 2000.

15 May 1968 - A "B" Company convoy consisting of eight (8) task vehicles and one (1) admin vehicle departed 1st MTBn CP at 0730. Convoy arrived at "B" Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Marines and transported them to Phu Bai Airstrip where troops off-loaded. Convoy then proceeded back to 1st Battalion, 27th Marines' area in Hue and moved them and their gear to Col Co Island ramp. Convoy returned to 1st MTBn CP at 1730.

17 May 1968 - A "B" Company convoy consisting of twenty-three (23) task vehicles departed 1st MTBn CP at 0730 for 5th Marines' area. Convoy picked up three (3) additional M35's from 1st MTBn, four (4) from 1st MedBn and four (4) from 7th Comm Bn. Convoy picked up 1st Platoon, "H" Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at Phu Gia, "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at the Rock Crusher and "M" Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at Lang Co Bridge. "K" Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was picked up on the way up the pass. Convoy picked up five (5) more M35A2C's belonging to "A" Company, 1st MTBn at the top of the pass, and six (6) trucks from "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Convoy proceeded and arrived at Hill 55 at 1930.

18 May 1968 - Convoy of the 17th May dispatched five (5) M35A2C's to stay attached to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Also dispatched eight (8) trucks with trailers to 11th Motor Transport Battalion. Dispatched eight (8) trucks with trailers to "A" Company, 1st MTBn to pre-load for movement to Phu Bai.

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19 May 1968 - Convoy departed Check Point 2 (Red Beach) at 1200 and arrived at Phu Bai at 1530 with "A" Company 1st MTBn headquarters. Convoy's security consisted of "I", "K", and "M" Companies, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

20 May 1968 - Eight (8) trucks, H35A2C, from "B" Company, 1st MTBn chopped OPCON "A" Company, 1st MTBn and moved to Khe Sanh with the "A" Company headquarters.

21 May 1968 - At 2100Z, the perimeter of the Gia Le Combat Base and the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division was probed in the vicinity of the boundary between the two sectors (YD835139). The attack was initiated from the South-Southwest with B-40 rockets followed by a ground attack. The Gia Le Combat Base received approximately thirty-five (35) B-40 rounds, of which ten (10) B-40 rounds impacted in the 1st Motor Transport Area. The Base Defense Coordinator (CO, 1st MTBn) employed the Base Reaction Force, available Ontos, Tanks and Gunships from the 101st Airborne Division during the three (3) hour battle. The enemy force was estimated as an NVA Battalion reinforced with a sapper element. The enemy failed to penetrate the perimeter of Gia Le and left a total of fifty-five (55) dead in front of the Gia Le and 101st Airborne Division positions.

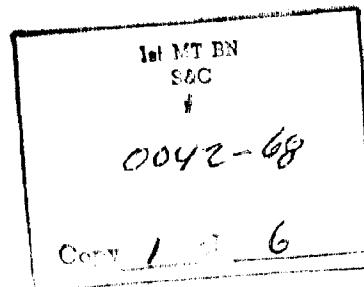
At 0700, approximately ten (10) rounds of 122mm rockets were received in the 1st Motor Transport Battalion's area. There were no casualties.

24 May 1968 - The personnel of the 2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1st MTBn transferred to 11th Motor Transport Battalion in order to provide smoother administrative control for transfer to BMT-2/7. Total personnel transferred were one (1) officer and thirty-three (33) enlisted.

25 May 1968 - The equipment of the 2nd Platoon, "A" Company invoiced to BMT-2/7.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE



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