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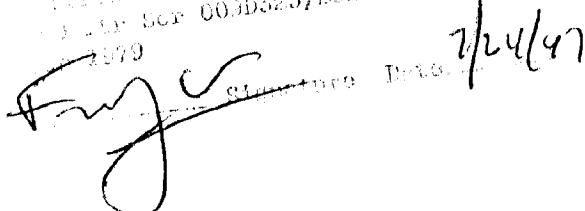
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PART I1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Maj R. G. REILLY 1-31Oct68

SUBORDINATE UNITS - None

ATTACHED UNITS - None

2. LOCATION - Danang, RVN3. STAFF OFFICERS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj R. G. REILLY 1-31Oct68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Maj W. A. P. COX 1-31Oct68

SERGEANT MAJOR SgtMaj F. A. ROMANO 1-31Oct68

S-1/LEGAL/ADJ 2dLt J. R. SAUNDERS 1-31Oct68

S-3 Capt R. W. HILL 1-31Oct68

S-4/SUPPLY OFFICER 1stLt S. E. STINE 1-31Oct68

S-5 1stLt R. E. BRACKEN 1-31Oct68

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY

COMMANDING OFFICER 1stLt D. T. GURSKI 1-31Oct68

COMPANY A

COMMANDING OFFICER 1stLt R. D. CHAMBERS 1-31Oct68

COMPANY B

1stLt J. N. NADOLSKI 1-31Oct68

COMPANY C

Capt R. E. MANUEL 1-31Oct68

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Meter Transport Battalion performed routine logistical functions with in the DaNang TAOR. The Battalion traveled 51,665 miles transported 26,116 troops, and 2,536 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons of general cargo. 1st Meter Transport Battalion remains in support of the 1st Marines, 5th Marines, and 7th Marines Regiments.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Oct 1968

1st Meter Transport Battalion was taken off administrative deadline.

5 Oct 1968

1st Meter Transport Battalion began moving into permanent facilities as the 1st Engineer Battalion moved out.

9 Oct 1968

Company "C" 1st Meter Transport Battalion was chopped back to 1st Meters. One platoon of Company "A" 1st Meter Transport Battalion was chopped back to 1st Meters.

12 Oct 1968

While taking the Vietnamese girls home from working in the clubs at 2230, one of the Marines guarding the girls had an accidental discharge. The resulting shot wounded the driver in the right upper arm and killed one of the girls. The incident is under investigation.

13 Oct 1968

At approximately 1300, the convoy left 1st Meter Transport Battalion area with seventeen (17) task vehicles and three (3) administrative vehicles. The convoy proceeded to a prearranged staging area to meet up with eighteen (18) vehicles from 11th Meter Transport Battalion. The convoy was scheduled to depart the staging area at 1330 and proceed north to 3/26 C.P. located at coordinates (845996). Due to the tameness of the security element, it was 1530 before the convoy left. Convoy reached destination at 1900. Convoy Commander made arrangements to stage vehicles at an Army Engineer Unit's compound located at coordinates (855015).

14 Oct 1968

The following morning vehicles dispatched to the following locations to pick up cargo. (938915), (898956), (832992), (845996), (115022). Due to the weather conditions (rainy), and lack of cooperation by the units involved, convoy failed to complete loading on 14 October hence, the vehicles remained in their respective areas and were provided security by units in the area.

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15 Oct 1968

The following morning, Tuesday 15 October convoy continued loading. Convoy again experienced difficulties. The units involved didn't have their gear packed. This complicated matters. Finally at 1500 loading was completed. Convoy did not experience any difficulties on the trip south. Arrived at 1st Motor Transport Battalion compound at 1800. Following morning unloaded gear at 3/26 new C.P.

16 Oct 1968

At approximately 1345, 16 October the convoy left the battalion area (953754) with orders to proceed to checkpoint thirty one (31) to pick up a company from 3/26 and transport them back to their battalion area. Upon arrival at checkpoint thirty one (31), it was discovered that there were only eightyfive (85) troops awaiting transportation. If there had been proper coordination prior to the convoy's departure, it would have limited the number of task vehicles needed to five (5). Thus making the operation more efficient. After transporting troops to their battalion area (942748), convoy returned to the battalion area approximately 1700.

19 Oct 1968

The convoy left the 1st Motor Transport Battalion C.P. at 0745 and proceeded to LZ 460 arriving there at 0810. Liaison was made with 1st LT Sharples the S-4 of the 26th Marines at the LZ. "A" Company 1st Battalion 26 Marines was brought in by a helicopter shuttle of two CH53's. "A" Company, consisting of 175 men were loaded on (9) nine trucks. The convoy then proceeded at 0930 to coordinate (928841), and picked up (2) two squads of 3rd platoon "D" Company 1/26 at 1000. There was a 15 minute hold to wait for the completion of the road sweep. At 1015 the convoy proceeded to coordinates (937865), where the third squad of the security platoon "D" Company 1/26 was picked up at 1030. The security platoon was put on the two remaining trucks that were still empty. The twelfth truck, an armored plated gun truck, can not be utilized as a personnel carrier. The convoy then moved to coordinates (937915) arriving at 1115. The "A" Company C.P. and the 3rd platoon, with three trucks, remained at this position. At 1130 the convoy moved to coordinates (925926), and dropped off one squad from the 2nd platoon at 1145. Another squad was dropped off at coordinates (922928), at 1150. At 1250 the convoy turned around at coordinates (894953), and returned to coordinates (937915) at 1330. The convoy proceeded at 1400 with (12) trucks and three administrative vehicles and the 3rd platoon "D" Company 1/26 as security. The convoy returned to the 1st Motor Transport Battalion C.P. at 1520.

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20 Oct 1968

The convoy left the 1st Motor Transport Battalion C.P. at 0800 and proceeded to LZ 460 arriving there at 0820. Liaison was made with 1st LT Sharples the S-4 of the 26th Marines at the LZ. He informed the Convoy Commander where the security package would be picked up. The convoy then proceeded to coordinates (937865), where it picked up a 16 man security team at 0900. There was an half an hour wait for the road clearance. At 0930 the convoy proceeded to coordinates (937915), arriving at 1000. Liaison was made with the Company Commander of "K" Company 3/5. Two trucks were left at this position to load company gear. The convoy then proceeded at 1010 to coordinate (915934), where two trucks were left to load personnel. At 1030 the convoy picked up the remainder of "K" Company 3/5 at coordinates (937915), to restage. At 1105 the convoy left coordinates (937865) and dropped off the 16 man security team at 1120. The convoy then proceeded to LZ 460 and and dropped off "K" Company 3/5 at 1150. At 1220 the convoy left LZ 460 and returned to the 1st Motor Transport Battalion C.P. at 1235.

30 Oct 1968

The convoy left the 1st Motor Transport Battalion C.P. at 0830 and proceeded to ASP#1 loaded (3) three vehicles with ammunition. There was a hour and a half wait at ASP#1 until word was received that the mine sweep had secured. At 1030 the convoy departed for An Hoa, coordinates (875464). The convoy arrived at it's destination at 1630 and off loaded the cargo.

31 Oct 1968

At approximately 0830 the convoy commander switched the trucks on the convoy for (8) eight vehicles from the 2nd platoon of "A" Company which was due to rotate back to the 1st Motor Transport Battalion C.P. The convoy left the staging area (875464), at 1000. No difficulties were encountered on the convoy. The convoy arrived in the 1st Motor Transport Battalion area at approximately 1500.