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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major R. G. REILL  
1-31 December 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS - NoneATTACHED UNITS - None2. LOCATION - Danang, RVN 1-31 December 19683. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj W. A. P. COX	1-10Dec68
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj F. A. ROMANO	1-31Dec68
S-1/LegalO/Adj	2dLt J. R. SAUNDERS	1-31Dec68
S-2/3	Capt G. F. HARRIS	1-31Dec68
S-4	1stLt S. E. STINE	1-31Dec68
S-5	1stLt J. F. NEMETH	1-31Dec68
Supply Officer	2dLt J. T. BALHA	1-31Dec68
Communications Officer	1st J. L. PAYNE	1-31Dec68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
19	290

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	6

ENCLOSURE (1)

**PART II**  
**NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

The 1st Motor Transport Battalion performed routine combat logistical functions within the 1st Marine Division TAOR. The Battalion traveled 79,645 miles, transported 4,664.5 tons of general cargo and 49,406 troops. 1st Motor Transport Battalion remains in support of the 1st Marines, 5th Marines, 7th Marines and 26th Marine Regiments. One platoon of Company A was transferred to BLT 3/26 on 15 December 1968.

**PART III**  
**SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

4 Dec 1968

A Med Cap was held by the S-5 in the village of Hoa Phu and Hung Hamlet (AT910718). 309 school kits were given to the children. 70 Smallpox immunizations were given by a 1st Motors BAS Corpsman.

10 Dec 1968

Major Cox the Battalion Executive Officer was separated from 1st Motor Transport Battalion for change of duty station to 9th MAB Okinawa.

12 Dec 1968

A Med Cap was held by the S-5 in the village of Hoa Phu (AT910718). 1200 toys were distributed to the children. 100 Plague immunizations were given to the villagers by a Corpsman from 1st Motor Transport Battalion BAS.

The G-3 standby convoy which began on 19 Nov was terminated.

15 Dec 1968

One platoon of Company A was transferred to BLT 3/26. The platoon consisted of 33 enlisted men, 1 Officer, 1 M151A1 and 15 M35's. Subsequently on 22 December 1968 the platoon was redesignated 3rd Platoon (Rein), Company A 5th Motor Transport Battalion.

19 Dec 1968

A "C" Company truck driven by PFC Micheal S. Ardito 2443842 hit a mine at coordinates (AT908745). PFC Ardito was seriously injured and is now recovering in the USNH Guam.

A Command Material Management Inspection was conducted within 1st Motor Transport Battalion. Areas inspected were Supply, Motor Transport, Ordnance, Embarkation, Comm-Elec, Engineer Equipment and Food Services. A Med Cap was held in the village of Hoa Phu (AT910718). 87 Plague immunizations were given, 20 Vietnamese were treated by Corpsmen from 1st Motor Transport Battalion BAS, and tin sheeting was distributed.

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20 Dec 1968

PFC Wilburo O. Hake 2377358 was killed as a result of an accidental discharge. The incident took place within the CP Area of 2nd Battalion 1st Marines.

26 Dec 1968

A Med Cap was held by the S-5 in the Village of Hoa Phu (AT910718). 300lbs of rice was distributed, 50 Plague immunizations were given, and building materials were distributed.

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