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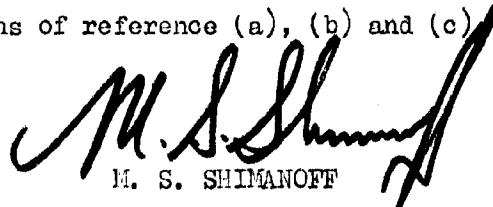
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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Maj. D. C. PEASE  
1-30 November 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co, 1st Motor Transport Battalion

1stLt. J. J. ABBATISTA  
1-11 November 1969

Co. "A", 1st Motor Transport Battalion

1stLt. D. M. MURPHY  
12-30 November 1969

Co. "B", 1st Motor Transport Battalion

Capt. J. C. THOMPSON  
1-30 November 1969

Co. "C", 1st Motor Transport Battalion

1stLt. C. E. COX  
1-11 November 1969

1stLt. J. I. WHEELER  
12-30 November 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

Co. "A" (Rein), 5th Motor Transport Battalion

1stLt. E. L. GOBELI  
1-24 November 1969

1stLt. C. F. GRIFFIN  
25-30 November 1969

2. LOCATION

1-30 November 1969: Camp Perdue, Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer Maj. P. S. BRADLEY 1-30 November 1969

Sergeant Major Sgt.Maj. J. J. KENNEDY 1-30 November 1969

S-1/Legal0/Adj Capt. J. J. McGRAW 1-30 November 1969

S-3/NBC Defense0 Capt. R. C. JONES 1-11 November 1969

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| S-3/NEC DefenseO | Capt. P. T. KEARNEY   | 12-30 November 1969 |
| S-3A             | 1stLt. D. M. MURPHY   | 1- 8 November 1969  |
| S-3A             | 2ndLt. W. L. WARTHEN  | 9-30 November 1969  |
| S-4              | CWO-2 W. F. COCHRAN   | 1-27 November 1969  |
| S-4              | 1stLt. C. J. RODMAKER | 28-30 November 1969 |
| S-5              | 2ndLt. T. K. O'REILLY | 1-30 November 1969  |
| CommO            | 2ndLt. W. L. WARTHEN  | 1-30 November 1969  |
| SupplyO          | CWO-2 W. F. COCHRAN   | 1-30 November 1969  |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> |            | <u>OTHER</u> |            |            |
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Motor Transport Battalion continued its assigned combat support logistics functions within the First Marine Division TAOR. Its vehicles travelled 99,644 miles and transported 5,493 tons of general cargo and 61,257 personnel. The battalion remains in direct support of the First, Fifth, Seventh and Twenty-Sixth Marine Regiments. Cargo and personnel movement convoys were also begun by the battalion in support of these units.

## PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

During November the battalion suffered two combat losses. Both were USMC enlisted and both were medically evacuated for wounds resulting from a rocket attack in the battalion area. Noncombat losses consisted of one USMC enlisted injured (minor), who was hospitalized but not medically evacuated.

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A total of twenty-one personnel took advantage of the R&R program during November.

Two officers and ten enlisted personnel rotated to CONUS. The battalion received six officers and thirty-seven enlisted replacements. One officer was transferred to the 7th Marine Regiment during the month.

Three Purple Heart Medals were awarded to members of the battalion. Recommendations for one Navy Commendation Medal and three Navy Achievement Medals were made.

Promotions for the month were as follows: one O-2 to O-3; one E-7 to E-8; thirty-two E-3 to E-4; and five E-1 to E-2. There was also one Meritorious Promotion and one Meritorious Combat Promotion, both from E-3 to E-4.

On the morning of 11 November two enemy 122mm rockets landed and exploded within the battalion perimeter wounding two and causing minor damage.

On 18 November Brigadier General ROBERTSON visited the battalion.

During the month the battalion's vehicles in direct support of the infantry regiments continued their routine mission. However, a significant change was effected in the utilization of the battalion's remaining vehicles. Convoys were operated by the battalion in logistics support of all four of the division's infantry regiments. These convoys were highlighted by large troop and cargo movements to combat bases at An Hoa, LZ Baldy and FSB Ross. The battalion now has the additional responsibility of providing the division with its housekeeping vehicles as well as its new role in convoy operations.

A new messhall was constructed for Camp Perdue and became operational during November. It provides a centralization of mess facilities and is a vast improvement over previous structures.

During November twenty-six M-35/M-35A2C cargo trucks were turned in to 1st Force Service Regiment for repair. Fourteen of these vehicles were repaired and returned. Two were assigned code "H" status. Six M-35A2C vehicles previously submitted for repair were also returned.

Two M-151A1 utility trucks were sent to 1st FSR for 3rd echelon repair and were repaired and returned. One M-543A2 wrecker was also repaired and returned.

Thirty-two items of office machines, communications equipment, ordnance and miscellaneous equipment were sent to 1st FSR for repair. Seventeen items were repaired and returned. Code "H" letters were received on three

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pieces of equipment. Ten other items designated for repair to the reporting period had repairs completed during the month.

During November the battalion's T/E vehicle deficiencies were filled by the arrival of new M-35A2C's, giving the battalion all of its ninety-six T/E cargo trucks. However, Company "A", 5th Motor Transport Battalion lacks eight of its forty-six T/E cargo trucks.

On 18 November the Executive Officer and S-4 attended an FLC Logistics Summary Conference which proved extremely beneficial from the standpoint of communication between this battalion and FLC/1stFSR. The conference has great value as a tool for increasing coordination between FLC/1stFSR and its supported units.

The Battalion S-5 held four medcaps in Dong Phuoc Hamlet and five medcaps at the Phuoc Thanh Orphanage. A total of three hundred fourteen Vietnamese civilians were treated.

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