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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION1st Meter Transport Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMFCOMMANDERMaj. D. C. PEASE
1 December 1969LtCol. M. S. SHIMANOFF
2-31 December 1969SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co., 1st Meter Transport Battalion

1stLt. D. M. MURPHY
1-31 December 1969

Co. "A", 1st Meter Transport Battalion

Capt. J. C. THOMPSON
1-31 December 1969

Co. "B", 1st Meter Transport Battalion

1stLt. J. L. WHEELER
1-31 December 1969

Co. "C", 1st Meter Transport Battalion

1stLt. J. J. ABBATTISTA
1-31 December 1969ATTACHED UNITSCo. "A" (Rein), 5th Meter Transport Battalion 1stLt. G. F. GRIFFIN
1-31 December 19692. LOCATION

1-31 December 1969: Camp Perdue, Da Nang, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. P. S. BRADLEY	1-31 December 1969
Sergeant Major	Sgt.Maj. J. J. KENNEDY	1-31 December 1969
S-1/Legal0/Adj	Capt. J. J. McGRAW	1-31 December 1969
S-3/NBC Defense0	Capt. P. T. KEARNEY	1-31 December 1969
S-3A	2ndLt. W. L. WARTHEN	1-31 December 1969
S-4	1stLt. O. J. RODMAKER	1-31 December 1969

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S-5	2ndLt. T. K. O'REILLY	1-31 December 1969
CommO	2ndLt. W. L. WARTHEN	1-31 December 1969
SupplyO	CWO-2 W. F. COCHRAN	1 December 1969
SupplyO	1stLt. O. J. RODMAKER	2-31 December 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	USN	OTHER
Off 26	Off 0	Off 0
Enl 397	Enl 7	Enl 0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Motor Transport Battalion continued its assigned combat support logistics functions within the 1st Marine Division TACR. Its vehicles travelled 118,488 miles and transported 7,711 tons of general cargo and 86,284 personnel. The battalion remains in direct support of the First, Fifth, Seventh, and Twenty-Sixth Marine Regiments. Cargo and personnel movement convoys were also operated by the battalion in support of these units.

PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

During December the battalion had one USMC enlisted medically evacuated for minor wounds. These wounds were inflicted when the vehicle he was operating detonated a mine. After treatment of these wounds the Marine was returned to this battalion for duty. There were no noncombat losses incurred during December by the battalion.

A total of 23 personnel took advantage of the R&R program during December.

Three officers and twenty-five enlisted personnel rotated to CONUS. The battalion received five officers and eleven enlisted replacements during the same period.

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Recommendations for two Navy Commendation Medals and one Bronze Star Medal were made.

Promotions for the month were two E-1 to E-2 and two E-4 to E-5. There were also two meritorious combat promotions from E-3 to E-4 and two meritorious promotions from E-3 to E-4.

On 1 December Major D. C. PEASE was relieved of command of 1st Motor Transport Battalion by LtCol M. S. SHIMANOFF.

On 18 December the battalion was visited by MajGen WHEELER.

During the month the battalion continued its routine mission of providing direct motor vehicle support to the infantry regiments, as well as continuing its new mission of conducting resupply and troop movement convoys for these and other division units.

During December twenty-two M-35A2C cargo trucks were turned in to 1st Force Service Regiment for repair. Fourteen of these vehicles were repaired and returned and one was assigned a code "H" status. In addition, one M-151A1 submitted to 1st FSR for repair was also assigned a code "H" status.

Twenty-four other items of equipment were turned in to the various maintenance companies for repair. Of these, fifteen were repaired and returned.

A total of five vehicles were exchanged for like items through the replacement and evacuation program. Four were M-35A2C's. One was a MRC-83 which was replaced by a MRC-123.

One M-35A2C was modified to accept the RT-524 radio and is presently being employed as a convoy control vehicle, providing convoy control personnel the advantages of increased floatability, traction and power to travel over poor roads in the monsoon, as well as greater visibility in all terrain and seasons.

Also during the reporting period, four M-107 water trailers and one M-170 ambulance were reported as excess items of equipment and were invoiced to 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment and 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment respectively.

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The overall average combat readiness status during the month of December remained in a C-1 category. Average percentages were:

Personnel:	100%
Training:	100%
Equipment/Supplies on Hand:	90%
Equipment Operational:	86%

A twenty foot guard observation tower was installed on the battalion perimeter by members of 1st Engineer Battalion.

During the month the battalion S-5 held four medcaps in Dong-Phuoc Hamlet and three medcaps at the Phuoc-Thanh Orphanage. A total of two hundred seventy-five Vietnamese civilians were treated.

On 23 December thirty Marines from the battalion took part in a party for the children of Phuoc-Thanh Orphanage at their home. On 24 December the children reciprocated by entertaining the members of the battalion at its CP.

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