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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. M. S. SHIMANOFF
1 - 31 March

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company
1st Motor Transport Battalion

1st Lt. K. G. APGAR
1 - 31 March

Company "A"
1st Motor Transport Battalion

Capt. J. C. THOMPSON
1 - 31 March

Company "B"
1st Motor Transport Battalion

1st Lt. P. J. D'ACHILLE, JR
1 - 31 March

Company "C"
1st Motor Transport Battalion

1st Lt. J. J. ABBATTISTA
1 - 6 March
1st Lt. J. J. SPENCER
7 - 31 March

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "A" (Rein)
5th Motor Transport Battalion

1st Lt. C. F. GRIFFIN
1 - 11 March

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 March 1970: Camp Perdue, Da Nang, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. P. S. BRADLEY	1 - 31 March
Sergeant Major	Sgt. Maj. J. J. KENNEDY	1 - 31 March
S-1/Legal/Adj.	Capt. J. G. DILLON	1 - 31 March
S-3	Capt. P. T. KEARNEY	1 - 31 March
S-3A	2nd Lt. W. L. WARTHEN	1 - 31 March
S-4	1st Lt. O. J. RODMAKER	1 - 31 March
S-5	2nd Lt. E. H. BROWN	1 - 31 March

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CommO

2nd Lt. W. L. WARTHEN

1 - 31 March

SupplyO

1st Lt. O. J. RODMAKER

1 - 31 March

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
23	304

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
1	7

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Motor Transport Battalion continued its assigned combat support logistics functions within the 1st Marine Division TAOR. Its vehicles traveled 92,463 miles, transporting 6,554 tons of general cargo and 57,690 personnel. The battalion remained in direct support of the First, Fifth, and Seventh Marine Regiments. The battalion provided direct support to the 26th Marine Regiment until their embarkation and subsequent departure on 11 March. Cargo and personnel movement convoys were also conducted by the battalion in support of these units.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

During March the battalion sustained one (1) KIA and three (3) WIA evacuated of which two were returned to duty. Two (2) non-battle casualties were also evacuated.

A total of seventeen (17) personnel took advantage of the R & R program.

Four (4) officers and fifty-seven (57) enlisted personnel rotated to conus. The battalion received two (2) officers and thirty-four (34) enlisted personnel as replacements during the same period.

Recommendations for three (3) Bronze Stars, one (1) Navy Commendation, and two (2) Navy Achievements were made.

Two (2) promotions to E-5 and two (2) meritorious promotions to E-5 were made.

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A total of four (4) personnel were processed for discharge. One (1) received an Undesirable Discharge and three (3) were discharged for the Convenience of the Government.

On 1 March, Major General WHEELER visited the battalion presenting Company "A", 1st Motor Transport Battalion with a Meritorious Unit Citation. Lieutenant General MCCUTCHESON visited the battalion on 26 March, touring the maintenance shop and motor pool.

The attached Company "A" (Rein), 5th Motor Transport Battalion departed on 11 March for Camp Pendleton, California for deactivation.

During the month of March, 1st Motor Transport Battalion continued its routine mission of providing direct motor vehicle support to the 1st Division's Infantry Regiments. It also conducted seven (7) tactical and administrative resupply convoys in support of these units. Four (4) of the seven (7) convoys were overnight convoys from Danang to Chu Lai in support of 9th Engineer Battalion. One (1) mining incident occurred during March involving an M35A2C in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment. The vehicle was subsequently assigned condition code H.

Forty-four (44) Motor Transport items were evacuated to 1st FSR for repair, twenty-five (25) items were repaired and returned to service while five (5) were assigned a condition code H. Also during the reporting period, two (2) trucks, M35A2C and one (1) lube and service unit, 15 CFM were exchanged for like items through the Replacement and Evacuation program, FY-70.

Four (4) MedCaps were conducted in Khanh-Son hamlet (At 951760) with a total of ninety (90) people being treated. The battalion delivered two (2) truck loads of lumber to the Khanh-Son hamlet chief for distribution.

The men of 1st Motor Transport Battalion contributed five-hundred dollars (\$500) in January to defray the expenses of six (6) Vietnamese children traveling to the United States for open heart surgery. In February, the battalion contributed another one-hundred eighty dollars (\$180) for the orphans. On 28 March, three (3) of the orphans, returning from the United States, were welcomed home at the airport by members of 1st Motor Transport Battalion.