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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is unclassified.

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3d MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Jan 1967 to 31 Jan 1967

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H&SCo, 3dMTBn

Co "C", 3dMTBn

Co "A", 1stMTBn, 1stMarDiv(Rein), FMF (attached OPOON)

b. Dong Ha Enclave (OPCON 9thMTBn)

Co "A", 3dMTBn

c. Phu-Bai Enclave

Co "B", 3dMTBn

2. Name/Rank Commanding Officer and Staff:

Major R. F. ARMSTRONG

Capt J. J. MODERMOTT

2ndLt V. I. HEAP

2ndLt R. M. THACHER

2ndLt J. T. KEEL

1stLt S. C. FLORES Jr.

Capt R. L. MITCHELL

1stLt W. E. THOMPSON

Capt P. H. WEBERLING

SgtMaj H. C. MURRAY

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

S-1/Adjutant

S-3

S-4/Supply

Co Comdr, H&SCo

Co Comdr, Co "A"

Co Comdr, Co "B"

Co Comdr, Co "C"

Bn SgtMaj

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. 3d Motor Transport Battalion: USMC, 13 Officers and 298 Enlisted; USN, 6 Enlisted.

b. 2 Officers and 68 Enlisted OPCON from 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF.

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PART II--NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Operations

a. During the month the Battalion continued its mission of providing general support for III MAF Forces in the I Corps area. Battalion vehicles operated 62,359 miles (19,192 of which were in direct support of tactical operations), transported 31,269 personnel and 1,489 tons of material. Average daily availability of task vehicles was 81 percent. There were three losses due to enemy action.

b. The 1st Platoon of A Company, reinforced by 10 vehicles from B Company and vehicles from B and C Companies, 9thMTBn periodically placed under A Company's operational control, provided support during the month for CHINOOK, a search and destroy operation. Tactical and administrative moves ranging in size from 5 to 55 vehicles were made on a daily basis. Captain R. L. MITCHELL, Company Commander, A Company, commanded the motor transport elements through 12 January 1967; Second Lieutenant G. R. WADE, Jr. commanded through the remainder of the month.

c. The Battalion's Otters (1½ ton amphibious cargo carrier, M-76) continued to prove their value as a marginal terrain vehicle by providing essential logistical (including medical evacuation) support for forward infantry units deployed in areas made inaccessible to other wheeled and tracked vehicles by monsoon rains. As climatic conditions improve the Otters are being returned to the Battalion's Command Post for maintenance services and, as much as possible, administrative deadlining. This is being done as a means of conserving this versatile vehicle and insuring its availability when the monsoons return.

d. An excellent example of the enormous organizational maintenance effort that is necessary to support the high level of operations experienced by the Battalion is seen by examining B Company's accomplishments in this regard. During the month the Company's Maintenance Section performed 29 brake jobs (complete shoe/lining replacements caused by operational environment), 2 annual and 22 quarterly preventive maintenance services and the replacement of 33 minor parts incidental to unscheduled maintenance services.

2. Civil Affairs Program

a. In the Kallang area, the Battalion supported the Hamlet of Dong Phouc.

(1) One thousand bars of soap and approximately 2,000 pounds of clothing were presented to the villagers.

(2) The Battalion Medical Team treated 1,654 patients.

(3) A project for building heads is making excellent progress. One head has been completed and four more are in the planning stage. Lumber, paint and other construction materials have been provided to the Hamlet Chief for this project.

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(4) Steps have been taken to rid the Hamlet of an unsightly trash dump. Bilingual signs prohibiting dumping are being prepared and will be placed around the dump.

(5) A small bridge building project is making excellent progress. 10 bags of cement and other construction materials have been provided the Hamlet Chief for this project.

(6) The English language classes that are conducted 4 nights a week are well received. 37 children attend each class.

U. In the Phu-Bai area, B Company supported the village of Dism Tu.

(1) Plans were approved by G-5, Marine Division for a 3 room school building to be constructed by the villagers. 242 bags of cement to make "soil bricks" and 300 sheets of corrugated sheet metal were delivered to the village for the school project.

(2) Plans were also approved for the construction of 50 homes to be constructed by the villagers when the school is completed and materials are available.

(3) The following items were given to the villagers for their welfare: 3,250 kilo of rice, 20 cases of cooking oil, 50 pounds of butter, 100 pounds of clothing from America, 19 French Heads and one truck load of scrap lumber for cooking fires.

(4) A musical and magician's show was presented to the villagers for their entertainment. This performance was well received and enjoyed by all.

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PART III--SEQUENTIAL LISTING

1 Jan - A 2½ ton 6X6 cargo truck, M-35 was damaged beyond economical repair as a result of an enemy mine detonation. This action occurred during Operation CHINOOK. Three Marines (including the driver) were evacuated for treatment.

12 Jan - A 1½ ton amphibious cargo carrier, M-76 (Otter) was damaged beyond economical repair as a result of an enemy land mine detonation. The Otter was the last vehicle in a convoy of 4 vehicles. The driver was evacuated with minor wounds.

14 Jan - A 2½ ton 6X6 cargo truck, M-35 was damaged beyond economical repair as a result of an enemy land mine detonation. Three Marines (passengers) were evacuated with minor wounds.

(Operation "Rough Rider" is a large tactical motor movement passing through hostile territory and characterized by a high degree of coordination between accompanying supporting arms (armed helicopters and high performance close air support aircraft; naval gunfire provided by a destroyer paralleling the route of march; and USMC artillery forward observers on hand to direct fire from ARVN positions), and attached and on-call infantry units. The purpose of a Rough Rider is two fold: To prove to the oppressed peoples of Vietnam that U.S. Forces can use a particular route at will and to move essential personnel and materiel.)

18 Jan - "Rough Rider" No 1-67 was conducted from DaNang to Phu-Bai, a distance of 64 miles. The convoy consisted of 77 vehicles and transported medical and Class II supplies. Major R. F. ARMSTRONG was convoy commander.

19 Jan - "Rough Rider" No 2-67 was conducted from Phu-Bai to DaNang. The convoy consisted of 77 vehicles and transported personnel and equipment of 2/26. Captain P. H. WEBERLING was convoy commander.

20 Jan - "Rough Rider" No 3-67 was conducted from DaNang to Phu-Bai. The convoy consisted of 61 vehicles and transported medical and Class II supplies. Captain P. H. WEBERLING was convoy commander.

21 Jan - "Rough Rider" No 4-67 was conducted from Phu-Bai to DaNang. The convoy consisted of 63 vehicles. Captain P. H. WEBERLING was convoy commander.

22 Jan - "Rough Rider" No 5-67 was conducted from DaNang to Phu-Bai. The convoy consisted of 66 vehicles. Captain P. H. WEBERLING was convoy commander.

23 Jan - "Rough Rider" No 6-67 was conducted from Phu-Bai to DaNang. The convoy consisted of 85 vehicles. Captain P. H. WEBERLING was convoy commander.

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27 Jan - A convoy of six cargo trucks from C Company conducted a tactical movement of 2/1 Marines from the Organization's Command Post to Phong Ngu (1). SSgt Q. S. CARTER was convoy commander.

31 Jan - A convoy of fourteen cargo trucks from C Company conducted a tactical movement of 2/26 Marines from the Organization's Command Post to Dia Loc. 2ndLt W. H. HOOVER was convoy commander.

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