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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Motor Transport Battalion

Major B. W. ADAMS 1-31 Aug 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H & S Company

1stLt W. T. SCREWS 1-21 Aug 68
1stLt J. R. ANDERSON 22-31 Aug 68

Company "A"

Capt D. P. FLOOD 1-21 Aug 68
2ndLt G. B. ATKINSON 22-31 Aug 68

Company "B"

1stLt W. L. PATTERSON 1-31 Aug 68

Company "C"

1stLt M. W. HICKS 1-8 Aug 68
2ndLt S. M. CRITTENDON 9-31 Aug 68

Bn Sergeant Major

1stSgt H. H. MERRILL 1-31 Aug 68

2. LOCATION

- a. 3d Motor Transport Battalion (-) 1-31 August: Quang Tri, RVN
- b. Det, H&S Co 1-24 August: Cam Lo, RVN
Det, H&S Co 1-31 August: Cua Viet, RVN
- c. 1st Plt, Co "B" 1-31 August: Camp Carroll, RVN
- d. 2nd Plt, Co "A" 1-31 August: Dong Ha, RVN
- e. 1st Plt, Co "C" 1-31 August: Phu Bai, RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Capt T. J. KOWALSKI 1-31 Aug 68

S-1 Adjutant

CWO2 M. E. HAWKINS 1-31 Aug 68

S-3

Capt T. J. KOWALSKI 1-9 Aug 68
1stLt M. W. HICKS 10-31 Aug 68

S-4

Capt T. J. KOWALSKI 1-4 Aug 68
1stLt E. B. LINDBALD 5-31 Aug 68

S-5

2ndLt G. B. ATKINSON 1-6 Aug 68
2ndLt L. P. MALINOSKI 7-31 Aug 68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | | <u>ARVN</u> | |
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. OPERATION. Third Motor Transport Battalion, during the period 1-31 August, continued the assigned mission of providing responsive Motor Transport support to the Third Marine Division. Truck platoons remained in direct support of 3d, 9th and 26th Marine Regiments. The remainder of the truck assets were held in Quang Tri and used in general support of the Division. Carrier, Amphibious, M-76 (Otter) assets, from H&S Company, continued to support infantry units at Cua Viet.

During this 31 day period, daily availability of task vehicles averaged 90% and daily commitments averaged 90%. Total mileage traveled was 29,489 miles. A total of 18,560 personnel and 1,513 tons of cargo were transported.

2. CIVIL AFFAIRS. During the month of August the Civil Affairs staff conducted MEDCAPS in three hamlets, Thach Mon, Thach Han and Tri Ban. 405 Vietnamese people were treated for minor sicknesses and ailments.

Civil Affairs also provided seven hundred children with school kits. Assistance was given in building school desks for 35 pupils.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 Aug- Pfc WICKHAM and Cpl PROVOST, were loading grade 3 ammo at Cua Viet with the EOD Teams. A flare was accidentally ignited and set Otter #476704 on fire. Otter #221884 was being loaded in an adjacent position and was also ignited. Both Otters were destroyed; no casualties were connected with this incident.
- 4-10 Aug- CG Inspection Team conducted Semi-Annual Inspection of the Battalion. The results of the inspection were considered to be satisfactory with minor discrepancies.
- 12 Aug- Cpl B. J. CLARK, Cpl L. C. PETERSON and Pfc W. S. BROWN were bringing troops in from C-4 to Cua Viet. Cpl CLARK, on the front Otter, hit a mine of undetermined size while running track deep in water. Cpl CLARK and 2 men from 3d Tank Battalion were killed and 2 more were wounded.
- 13 Aug- 2nd Plt, Company "A", replaced the 1st Plt at Dong Ha.
- 18 Aug- Memorial Services were held for Corporal Bobby J. CLARK, H&S Company, Otter Platoon.
- 20 Aug- 3d Plt, Company "C", was detached from BUT 2/4 and returned to Battalion control.
- 24 Aug- 2 Otters, supporting 9th Marines at Cam Lo, returned to 3d MFB.
- 26 Aug- 2ndLt P. P. MURNER Jr. was accidentally shot and killed by a member of 3/26 Guard, while in performance of his duties as Duty Officer of "E" Sector of the Quang Tri Combat Base Perimeter. The circumstances surrounding this incident are under investigation at this time.
- 27 Aug- 17 trucks sent to Division MTO to move troops from Headquarters Battalion to Vandegrift Combat Base, Rock Pile and Camp Carroll.

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