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Encl: (1) 11th Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. The period covered by this report extends from 1 January 1967 to 31 January 1967.

B. Location. On 31 January 1967 the 11th Motor Transport Battalion was operating in general support of the 1st Marine Division (Rein) from its compound at grid co-ordinates (AT 948762), adjacent to the 3rd Engineer Battalion.

C. On 31 January 1967 the major components of the battalion command and staff structure were as follows:

Commanding Officer:	Major Lee V. Barkley
Executive Officer:	Major J. M. Shay
Sergeant Major:	W. R. Orth, Sr.
S-1/Adjutant:	2nd Lieutenant R. O. Blanchette
S-2/S-3 Officer:	Captain K. M. Wilson
S-4/Supply Officer:	First Lieutenant Dominic Dean
H&S Company:	First Lieutenant Ronald Black
A Company:	Captain M. E. Loveless
B Company:	Captain W. J. Kiser
C Company:	First Lieutenant Joseph Parris
Transport Company:	Captain S. G. Pratt

D. Average Monthly Strength (1 January 1967 to 31 January 1967)

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. The objective of the battalion was to offload equipment, establish its encampment, and commence full motor transport operations at an early date. Strenuous efforts were exerted throughout the first two weeks of January to that end. Full motor transport operations in general support of the First Marine Division commenced on 18 January 1967. Some motor transport support was furnished to Division Units on a courtesy basis prior to this date.

b. Between 1 and 11 January, all of our T/E vehicles and supplies were offloaded from the USNS Lafayette Victory and USNS Merrill. During this time, extensive work was performed in the construction and refinement of our local security perimeter. Improvements in our defenses are constant and continuous.

c. On 16 January, personnel from MCB-9 arrived to commence construction of additional maintenance, supply, operational, and living facilities, required to permit this battalion to operate on a 24 hour basis. Most of these facilities, including grease racks and a new mess hall, will soon be ready for use. Completion of the remaining structures is anticipated by the end of February.

d. On 18 January 1967, C Company was temporarily detached in direct support of the 7th Motor Transport Battalion. It returned to our operational control on 28 January 1967.

e. On 23 January, two (2) Captains and two (2) Lieutenants were transferred to preserve personnel continuity in connection with the requirements of the RTD Mix Master System.

f. Enemy contact on our local security perimeter was very light during the month of January. No penetrations were attempted, and in the three cases of contact, our defensive reaction was adequate to thwart enemy probes. During the month, our vehicles operating in the Danang TAOR encountered no significant enemy activity.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 January 1967: Unloading operations of organic vehicles from the USNS Merrill commenced at deep water pier. At 011800H, one man from this battalion was wounded when a pistol caliber .45 was accidentally discharged in this compound, by a member of B Company, 1st Tank Battalion. The Battalion CP was established, and responsibility for local defense of the compound was assumed by this battalion. Initial phone communications were established through the switchboard of B Company, 1st Tank Battalion.
- b. 2 January 1967: Pfc. Scanlon, man wounded on 1 January, died at 1st Medical Battalion. Local defenses were tied in with the 3rd Engineer Battalion.
- c. 3 January 1967: At 032400H, 18% of T/E vehicles were on hand in the battalion compound.
- d. 4 January 1967: At 040400H, light fire was received on our security perimeter during a suspected probe, but confirmation was not ascertained.
- e. 5 January 1967: At 052400H, 38% of our 5 ton 6x6 cargo trucks were on hand in the battalion compound. Assumed responsibility for Listening Post #2 of Sector B, Northern Defense Command. This post is located at AT 937765 on a ridgeline to the west of this compound.
- f. 7 January 1967: Triple concertina wire and a double apron fence was constructed around our security perimeter, and the perimeter was divided into company sectors of responsibility. Unloading of vehicles and supplies commenced at 071400H from the USNS Lafayette Victory.
- g. 8 January 1967: At 082400H, 53% of our 5 ton 6x6 cargo trucks were in the battalion. Limited motor transport operations in support of 1st Marine Division (Rein) commenced on a courtesy basis.
- h. 11 January 1967: 100% of battalion T/E vehicles were on hand in the battalion truck park as of 112400H.
- i. 16 January 1967: Construction personnel of MCB-9 began erecting additional living quarters and maintenance facilities. At 162115H, three hostiles tried to breach our security fence. They were repelled by 10-15 rounds of small arms fire and disappeared in a Northwesterly direction leaving no traces of their presence.
- j. 18 January 1967: At 180800H, full motor transport operations commenced in general support of the 1st Marine Division (Rein). C Company was detached for fourteen (14) days to render direct support to the 7th Motor Transport Battalion.

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k. 23 January 1967: Two (2) Captain's and two (2) 2nd Lieutenants were transferred today to provide RTD continuity.

l. 24 January 1967: Transported Lima Company of 3/7 by tactical convoy from BT 071712 to Marine Air Freight at the Danang Air Strip.

m. 25 January 1967: The battalion assisted Division embarkation by transporting the 25 January replacement draft from Museum pier to their respective units and air freight.

n. 28 January 1967: C Company returned to the operational control of this command.

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