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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

B. Location. On 31 March 1967, the 11th Motor Transport Battalion was operating in general support of the 1st Marine Division (Rein) from its compound at grid co-ordinates (AT948762).

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

Commanding Officer	:	Major R. C. TASHJIAN
Executive Officer/S-3	:	Captain K. M. WILSON
Sergeant Major	:	W. R. ORTH SR.
S-1/Adjutant	:	Second Lieutenant R. O. BLANCHETTE
S-3A/Officer	:	First Lieutenant L. W. BAILEY
S-4/Supply Officer	:	First Lieutenant D. J. DEAN
H&S Company	:	First Lieutenant R. W. BLACK
A Company	:	Captain M. E. LOVELESS
B Company	:	Captain W. J. KISER
C Company	:	First Lieutenant J. D. PARRIS III
Transport Company	:	Captain S. G. PRATT

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

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- a. During the month of March, a large number of tactical convoys were dispatched in support of infantry battalions within the 1st Marine Division TAOR. Intensive logistical support of 2nd Battalion 5th Marines continued throughout the month. 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance efficiency was extremely High during the month, with an average of not more than 3% of our T/E vehicles deadlined. Commitments to infantry battalions and units within the Division Area averaged from 85 to 90 percent of our Battalion's vehicles during March.
- b. 11th Motor Transport Battalion construction of maintenance, supply, operational and living facilities which began on 16 January by MCB-9 were completed by 31 March except for the new mess hall and a few minor buildings. It is anticipated that the new mess hall will be in operation by 5 April. The battalion's new maintenance facility consisting of an open side butler building with cement deck was completed and operational by 15 March. With room enough for four (4) maintenance stalls per company and an adequate lighting system, this facility is providing efficient sustained maintenance support on a twenty-four hour basis.
- c. Enemy contact on our local security perimeter was light during March. No penetrations were attempted, and the two cases of contact involved a few scattered rounds of harrassing fire with no casualties or resulting damage. On three different occasions, our convoys received Viet Cong small arms fire (on one of these occasions 400 to 500 rounds), but each time suppressive fire by our drivers and accompanying security effectively countered the hostile fire with no casualties to members of this Battalion or significant damage to its vehicles. One M-54 from this CP, towing an M-107 from 2/4 hit a mine of undetermined size on 16 March. The tailgate of the M-54 was bowed and sprung and the M-107 (belonging to 2/4) was a total loss. There were no USMC casualties.
- d. Two Marines were written up for bravery under enemy fire. They are Staff Sergeant Rodriguez and Private First Class Aguilar of Transport Company. Their leadership and bravery was instrumental in repelling the enemy on a convoy attack. Their actions resulted in three (3) enemy KIA.
- e. This Battalion during March hauled a total of 37,769 troops, 14,410 tons of supplies and equipment and drove 133,611 miles in support of the 1st Marine Division.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 March 1967: A convoy hauled 100 tons of MATS Matting, eight pallets of sand bags and 1,000 gallons of MOGAS to 2/5 at AT875473. A second convoy to this CP hauled from 2/5 54,000 pounds of coal, three M-422's, five M-174's and 28 empty oil drums. They dropped at the ferry (AT921532) five cases of mortar rounds, one case of .45 caliber ammunition and five cases of 7.62mm ammunition.
- b. 2 March 1967: A convoy hauled 100 tons of MATS Matting and one M-274 to 2/5. A second convoy returned to this CP hauling 25 tons of defective 105mm ammunition. At 1500H the convoy proceeding to 2/5 took on approximately 400 to 500 incoming small arms fire at grid square 9049. The attack was repelled by security furnished by 2/5 and our drivers. There were no USMC casualties and vehicles sustained only light damage.
- c. 3 March 1967: A convoy hauled 63 tons of MATS Matting, 12 tons of concrete reinforcement rods, 2½ tons of metal stakes, 8½ tons of 3/4" water pipe, 71 barrels of MOGAS and diesel, four barrels of OE 30, and 1600 gallons of MOGAS to 2/5. A second convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling seven tons of 3.5 rockets, eleven tons of 90mm, eleven tons 105mm, eight tons of 81mm, and eight tons of coal. It hauled two tons of small arms ammunition to the ferry.
- d. 4 March 1967: A convoy hauled forty barrels of diesel fuel, sixty barrels of MOGAS, 100 bags of rice, 200 bags of cement, 3 tons of 155mm, 135 tons of 81mm, 288 illumination flares, 14 2x4's, three 1x8's, 30 sheets of plywood, 200 gallons of paint and 10 pallets of roofing to 2/5. A second convoy hauling 27 tons of coal returned to this CP.
- e. 5 March 1967: A convoy hauled thirteen pallets of beer, three pallets of soda, four tons of PX supplies and 3200 gallons of MOGAS with a 1st Motor Transport Battalion convoy to 2/5. A second convoy returned to this CP with 189 empty drums and eight tons of 105mm shell casings. They dropped 40 cases of 90mm ammunition, 20 bundles of sand bags, 59 cases of small arms ammunition, seven cases of parachute flares and one ton of PX supplies and mail at the ferry.
- f. 6 March 1967: A convoy composed of seven M-54's returned from 2/5 with a convoy from 1st Motor Transport Battalion, hauling eight tons of 90mm ammunition.
- g. 7 March 1967: A convoy hauled ten tons of 81mm ammunition, 15 tons of 105mm ammunition, 3200 gallons of MOGAS, five M-174's, ten tons of C rations, 12 tons of iron stakes, ten tons of body armor, two pallets of coal bags, two tons of Class II supplies, 1000 pounds of personal effects of WIA and 16 tons of I beam to 2/5.

h. A convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 2 tons of empty 105mm shell casings, one tons of 105mm ammunition, one 155mm gun, and one 105mm gun. At 1915H, on the northwestern sector of our perimeter, 3 to 5 small arms incoming rounds were received. No enemy or muzzle blasts were observed, but Marines on our security perimeter heard the rounds as they passed overhead. 11th Marines COC was notified by SPOT Report.

i. 9 March 1967: A convoy hauled 40 tons of concrete reinforcement rods, 18 tons of concrete culverts, 3200 gallons of MOGAS, 450 bags of cement, 150 bags of rice and 24,480 pounds of line charges to 2/5.

j. 10 March 1967: A convoy returned to this CP hauling 45 tons of coal, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of 105mm shell casings, $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of 81mm ammunition, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton small metal stakes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of large metal stakes. Towed one $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons RVN truck to 1 Corps Headquarters.

k. 11 March 1967: A convoy hauled 18 tons of cement culverts, 16 tons of concrete reinforcing rods, 40 drums of diesel fuel, two tons of wheat and 3200 gallons of MOGAS to 2/5. At 2240H, on the northwestern sector of our perimeter, one round of small arms fire was received from approximately grid co-ordinates 949766. No enemy or muzzle flash were observed. While shooting an azimuth from "C" Company command bunker, a light was observed being turned on and off. At 0100H on the northwestern sector of the perimeter two rounds of small arms fire were received. The rounds were received from approximately grid co-ordinates AT949766. The rounds landed in the vicinity of "C" Company road bunker on highway #3. A few moments later two rounds of small arms fire were received from grid co-ordinates 947765, muzzle flashes were observed and the rounds were heard passing overhead of the bunker and they landed on the road. 11th Marines COC was notified by SPOT Report.

l. 12 March 1967: A convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 18 tons of coal. They dropped 225 boxes of 81mm ammunition, 250 pounds of bread, 25 pounds of medical supplies and 16 personnel at the ferry. At 1010H the convoy took approximately 2 to 3 incoming small arms rounds at grid co-ordinates AT909488. There were no USMC casualties and no vehicle damage.

m. 13 March 1967: A convoy hauled seven tons of asphalt, 54 tons of concrete culverts, 25 tins of rations, 11 tons of reinforcements rods, 6000 sand bags, 4800 gallons of MOGAS, 1600 gallons of diesel, 4000 pounds of steel culverts and 40 barrels of tar to 2/5 CP. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling 20 tons of coal and one ton of cannisters.

n. 15 March 1967: A convoy hauled 22,500 pounds of rice, 4,800 gallons of MOGAS, 1,600 gallons of diesel, 60 tons of drainage pipe, eight tons of 81mm ammunition, two 155mm gun tubes, one boom, 53 drums of gas and one pallet of GAA grease to 2/5 CP.

o. 16 March 1967: A convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 40 tons of coal, two tons of brass, 14 tons of 195mm ammunition, 1,000 pounds of flame thrower gear, two M-274, two M-422's and one ice machine. At 1130H one M-54 from this CP, towing an M-107 from 2/4 hit a mine of undetermined size at grid co-ordinates AT947662. The tail gate of the M-54 was bowed and sprung. The M-107 was a total loss. There were no USMC casualties.

p. 17 March 1967: A convoy hauled seven boxes of rice, 3200 gallons of MOGAS, three bundles of metal stakes, 17 boxes BA 270, 309 boxes of 4.2mm ammunition, 523 rounds of 8 inch ammunition, 122 tons of 105mm ammunition, 30 boxes of 60mm ammunition and one 155mm Howitzer to 2/5 CP. At approximately 1945H, one M-54 proceeding toward the 11th Motor Transport Battalion CP from the 2/4 CP was turning left at "Four Corners Section" of "Dogpatch" when Viet Cong suspects apparently attempted to board his vehicle and attempted to throw a home made bomb into the cab of the vehicle.

q. 18 March 1967: A convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 24 tons of coal, one generator, one M-274, two M-422's, two 155mm gun tubes, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of dry stores, 56 boxes of 90mm ammunition, 38 tons of Class III ammunition and one 155mm Howitzer.

r. 19 March 1967: A convoy hauled 108 tons of drain pipe, 20 tons of concrete elbows, eight tons of 81mm ammunition, 6400 gallons of MOGAS, one ton of PX gear, four pallets of Coke and assorted PX gear, and 14 pallets of beer to the 2/5 CP. At approximately 1340H, a tank from 2/5 hit a mine in the road at grid co-ordinates AT913508. The convoy had to detour around the tank. As the trail vehicle was coming around the tank, they received approximately eight rounds of small arms fire. The vehicles were not damaged, and there were no injured personnel from this Battalion.

s. 20 March 1967: A convoy returned to this CP hauling 234 cases of 106mm ammunition, 9000 pounds of brass, 36 cases of fuses, 36 cases of 105mm ammunition, 12 tons of coal and 40 105mm shells from the 2/5 CP. They dropped four mailbags at the ferry.

t. 21 March 1967: A convoy composed of ten tractor trailers, six M-54's, one MRC-109, and one radio jeep from the Battalion; one M-35 from ISO; five tractor trailers from 9th Motors and two LVT's from the 1st Armored Amphibian Company, hauled 18 tons of roofing, 12 tons of concrete elbows, 20 tons of steel pipe, 12 tons of rations, 18 tons of ammunition, 200 rounds of 155mm ammunition, 30 boxes of fuses, and 22 tons of black powder for the 155 Howitzer to 2/5.

u. 22 March 1967: A convoy hauled 20 tons of coal, six tons of brass, four tons of empty fuel drums and six tons of ammunition from 2/5 CP.

v. 23 March 1967: A convoy hauled 40 tons of cement, 27 tons of roofing, six pallets of sand bags and 6400 gallons of MOGAS to 2/5.

w. 24 March 1967: A convoy returned to this CP hauling 120 barrels of tar and eight tons of coal from 2/5.

x. 25 March 1967: A convoy hauled 6400 gallons of MOGAS, 1600 gallons of diesel fuel, 68 tons of 105mm ammunition, four pallets of steel stakes, fourteen pallets of cement, three boxes of clothing, three flame throwers, three M-60 machine guns, one 81mm mortar, 100 m-14 stocks, one M-79 to 2/5. A second convoy composed of 18 M-54's, one MRC-109, one radio jeep on a

TAC move for the 1st Marine Regiment went to check point #27 to return troops to the 1st Marine Regiment CP. The second convoy received 3 to 5 rounds small arms fire to its rear about one mile south of check point #36. There were no casualties nor damage to vehicles.

y. 26 March 1967: A convoy hauled 110 tons of steel matting, and 19 tons of brass from 2/5 to this CP. It dropped 134 boxes of 81mm ammunition and two boxes of 3.5 ammunition at the ferry.

z. 27 March 1967: A convoy hauled 10 tons of rations, 11 tons of PX supplies, 1600 gallons of MOGAS, 77 tons of ammunition and 18 tons of 106mm ammunition to 2/5 CP.

aa. 28 March 1967: A convoy hauled 300 pounds of medical supplies from 2/5.

bb. 29 March 1967: A convoy hauled 45 tons of ammunition, 4800 gallons of gas, 24 tons of culverts, 26 tons of lumber and cement and 12 tons of asphalt to 2/5.

cc. 30 March 1967: A convoy hauled to this CP 30 tons of coal, they dropped at the ferry three tons of C rations and one and one-half tons of ammunition from 2/5.

dd. 31 March 1967: A convoy hauled 30 tons of C rations, 10 tons of ammunition 28 tons of 105mm ammunition, 10 tons of lumber and steel, 4800 gallons of MOGAS, 1600 gallons of diesel, one ton of tents, 20 tons of steel stakes and two and one-half tons of Class II to 2/5.