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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 April 1967 to 30 April 1967.

B. Location. On 30 April 1967, the 11th Motor Transport Battalion was operating in general support of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF, from its compound at grid co-ordinates AT948762.

C. On 30 April 1967, the major components of the battalion command and staff structure were as follows:

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

D. Average Monthly Strength. (1 April 1967 to 30 April 1967)

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During April we continued our heavy volume of tactical convoys within the Division TAOR with a focus on support of 2/5 near An Hoa. Our deadline averaged less than 3% of our T/E vehicles during this month. Our daily commitments averaged 90 to 95% of our Battalion's vehicles. Highlighting our operations the past month were five (5) "Rough Rider" convoys north to the vicinity of Phu Bai, Big Horn Plateau and Dong Ha with numerous Road Runners to An Hoa.

b. There were no enemy contacts on our local security perimeter during April. Several times our vehicles encountered small arms fire and scattered sniper rounds. Several trucks were mined. Throughout the month, only one Marine sustained serious injuries: Staff Sergeant Rodriguez who was thrown from his M-52A2 when it hit a mine on the way to 2/5 CP at An Hoa. The truck caught fire, burned and was totally destroyed (Code X). SSgt Rodriguez suffered a fractured pelvis and other complications. Details of other less serious April enemy contacts are found in the sequential listing of significant events.

c. This battalion during April hauled a total of 30,981 troops, 17,529 tons of supplies and equipment and drove 160,719 miles in support of the 1st Marine Division.

d. On 14 April 1967 two (2) members of this battalion while on a convoy acted in a manner which caused them to be recommended for a Bronze Star Medal. One Lance Corporal Giles, MRC-109 operator, halted his vehicle and was instrumental in evacuating Staff Sergeant Rodriguez who was laying exposed to enemy fire after having been thrown from the convoy lead truck by the blast from a mine. HMC Mombaerts, being senior man present called in a MEDEVAC, directed mortar fire and air support, organized defensive fire and reorganized the convoy to move out as soon as air support suppressed enemy fire, thus eliminating much chaos and confusion. The actions of both these men were performed while exposed to a heavy volume of direct, hostile fire.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 April 1967: A convoy composed of 9 tractor trailers, 8 M-54's, 1 MRC-109 and 1 Radio Jeep hauled one M-274, one ambulance and 1600 pounds of C Rations to this CP from 2/5. They dropped 800 pounds of sandbags and one ton of ammunition at the ferry.
- b. 2 April 1967: A convoy composed of 11 M-54's, 4 tractor trailers, 1 MRC-109 and 1 radio jeep hauled 63 pallets of 8" projectiles, 24 boxes of 40mm ammunition, 2 drive wheels for a LVT, 1 track for a LVT, 6 boxes of 782 gear, 1 refrigerator 12 pallets of beer, 11 pallets of soda, 14 pallets of 105mm ammunition, 12 pallets of 81mm ammunition and 16 tons of roofing to the 2/5 CP. This convoy returned to this CP hauling 24 tons of coal from 2/5.
- c. 3 April 1967: A convoy composed of 30 M-54's and 2 MRC-109's and 1 radio jeep hauled troops from 2/26 on a tactical move.
- d. 4 April 1967: A convoy composed of 10 M-54's hauled troops from 2/26 on a tactical move.
- e. 6 April 1967: Convoy #1 composed of 36 M-54's, 2 M-109's and 2 radio jeeps hauled troops from 2/26 to Marble Mountain. A second convoy composed of 20 tractor trailers hauled Class V and Class III to LSA at grid co-ordinates 140577.
- f. 7 April 1967: A convoy composed of 7 M-54's and 4 tractor trailers hauled 4800 gallons of MOGAS, 1600 gallons of diesel, 8 tons of cement, 6 tons of roofing, 6 tons of Class II supplies, 99 drums of MOGAS and 2 tons of spare parts for LVT's to 2/5. At 0930, an officer of this Battalion who was riding in a jeep received one (1) incoming small arm round on Highway #4. He was not hit. This incident occurred at approximate grid co-ordinates AT915742. The person who fired the round was about 25 yards off the road hiding in the brush. The officer was returning from a MEDCAP to this CP. Centerville COC was notified immediately.
- g. 8 April 1967: A convoy composed of 7 M-54's and 4 tractor trailers hauled 32 tons of coal,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tons of empty ammunition cans, and 1 ton of mess hall gear to this CP. They dropped at the ferry  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of small arms ammunition and  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of 60mm ammunition.
- h. 9 April 1967: A convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 6 M-54's, 1 M-109, 1 radio jeep and one M-543 hauled 3200 gallons of MOGAS, 2 pallets of beer, 1 ton of medical supplies, 1 reefer, 8 desks, 23 tons of ammunition, 9 tons of Class II supplies, 10 tons of PX supplies and 1 TD-15 to 2/5.
- i. 10 April 1967: A convoy composed of 8 M-54's and 1 radio jeep hauled 10 tons of C Rations,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons of ammunition and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of Class II to 2/4. A second convoy composed of 24 M-54's, 1 M-109 and 1 radio jeep hauled troops from Air Freight to 2/26 and 3/1. A third convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 6 M-54's, 1 M-109, 1 radio jeep and 1 M-543 hauled 36 tons of coal, 5 tons of brass, 5 tons of defective ammunition, 1 conex box, 2 M-274's and 1 M-422 from 2/5.

j. 11 April 1967: A convoy composed of 7 tractor trailers, 6 M-54's, 1 M-109, and 1 radio jeep hauled 16 tons of cement, 8 tons of beer and soda, 11 tons of lumber, 4800 gallons of MOGAS, 7 tons of 105mm ammunition and 5000 pounds of culverts to 2/5.

k. 12 April 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 111 vehicles departed this CP for Hue/Phu Bai. A second convoy composed of 7 tractor trailers, 1 M-109 and 1 radio jeep hauled 3 tons of coal, 2 tons of brass and 3 tons of wooden boxes and crates from 2/5.

l. 13 April 1967: A convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 6 M-54's, 1 M-109 and 1 M-543 hauled 40 tons of ammunition, 4800 gallons of MOGAS, 15 tons of 155mm ammunition, 7000 pounds of track for LVT's and 2 M-274's to 2/5.

m. 14 April 1967: A convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 6 M-54's hauled 6 tons of rations, 2 tons of brass and 1 ton of LVT track from 2/5. At 1010, 1 M-52A2 from this Battalion hit a mine of undetermined size at approximately grid co-ordinates AT908492. At this time the convoy was under heavy automatic weapons fire. Our drivers and assistant drivers, along with a squad from 2/5 laid down a heavy volume of fire, a tank fired a few rounds of HE and a concentration of 81mm mortars was called in. An AO approached the area and the target was marked with WP. The enemy fire then ceased. The enemy fire was coming from approximate grid co-ordinates AT903493. There were two (2) USMC WIA from this Bn.

n. 15 April 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 60 vehicles returned to this CP from Hue/Phu Bai. At 0937 the lead vehicle, a M-51 dump truck from the 7th Engineer Battalion, hit a mine at grid co-ordinates 070011. The rear axle assembly and bed of the truck were damaged. There was one (1) USMC WIA.

o. 16 April 1967: A convoy composed of 10 tractor trailers hauled approximately 100 tons of supplies to 3/7. At 1145 an M-422 from 2/4 received one (1) round from grid co-ordinates AT961767, while traveling to this CP on highway #4. There were no USMC casualties. Centerville COC was notified immediately.

p. 17 April 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 162 vehicles departed this CP for Hue/Phu Bai. At 1200 a M-52A2 towing a M-172 lowboy was proceeding north on Route #5, when a RVN vehicle proceeding south hit a mine at approximate grid co-ordinates 934663. Shrapnel fragments caused the lowboy to suffer five flat tires. The occupants of the RVN vehicle were KIA. This incident was reported to Hill #41 immediately.

q. 18 April 1967: A ROUGH RIDER Convoy composed of 57 vehicles returned to this CP from Hue/Phu Bai.

r. 20 April 1967: A convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 9 M-54's, 1 M-109, 1 radio jeep and 1 M-543 hauled 6400 gallons of MOGAS, 4 pallets of 155mm ammunition, 8 pallets of 81mm ammunition, 4 pallets of fuses, 1 pallet of charges, 6 refrigerators, 10 pallets of beer, 6 pallets of Coke, 1 ton of steel pipe and 5 heads to 2/5.

s. 21 April 1967: A convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 9 M-54's, 1 M-109, 1 radio jeep and 1 M-543 returned to this CP hauling 11 tons of empty brass shell casings and 1 ton of Class III ammunition from 2/5. A second convoy composed of 22 M-54's, 2 M-109's, 1 MRC-83 and 2 M-543 wreckers left this CP for 1/1 where they were scheduled to pick up ARVN troops and move them south. At 211930 this convoy going south to 1/1 received six (6) to seven (7) small arms rounds at approximate grid co-ordinates 018685. This convoy was diverted to 1/1 CP.

t. 22 April 1967: A convoy composed of 69 vehicles departed this CP for Hue/Phu Bai. (Rough Rider). A second convoy composed of 22 M-54's, 2 MRC-109's and 1 MRC-83 returned to this CP from check-point 21.

u. 23 April 1967: A convoy (Rough Rider) from this battalion departed Hue/Phu Bai going north to Big Horn Plateau.

v. 24 April 1967: A convoy (Rough Rider) composed of 33 vehicles returned to this CP from Hue/Phu Bai. A second convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 1 M-54, 1 MRC-109 and 1 M-38A1 hauled 21 tons of ammunition, 5000 gallons of MOGAS and 5000 gallons of diesel to 2/5.

w. A convoy (Rough Rider) composed of 87 vehicles departed this CP for Quang Tri. A second convoy composed of 7 tractor trailers, 2 M-54 Gun Trucks, 1 M-543 and 1 MRC-109 hauled 41 tons of cement, 11 tons of shingles and 20 tons of ammunition to 2/5. A third convoy composed of 5 tractor trailers, 2 M-54 Gun Trucks and 1 MRC-125 returned to this CP hauling 10 tons of coal from 2/5. At 0730, the "Rough Rider" convoy received one small arms round from approximate grid co-ordinates 936865. There was one Vietnamese National wounded and MED-EVAC to 1st Medical Bn. At 1300 convoy #3 received approximately 20 rounds of small arms fire at approximate grid co-ordinates 936865 on the way to 2/5. At 1100, this same convoy received two rounds of small arms fire, both rounds hitting the tank of a 5000 gallon tanker with negative results. There were no USMC casualties.

x. 27 April 1967: A rough Rider convoy returned to this CP from Dong Ha. A convoy composed of 7 tractor trailers, 2 M-54's, 1 M-543 and 1 MRC-109 returned to this CP hauling 2 tons of brass and 2 tons of empty boxes. The Battalion Commander and the Tango Company Commander who were riding in a M38A1 received one round of small arms fire at 0825 at approximately grid co-ordinates 967779. There were no USMC casualties.

y. 28 April 1967: A convoy (Rough Rider) composed of 135 vehicles hauled 460 tons of rice to Dong Ha. A second convoy composed of 7 tractor trailers, 5 M-54's returned to this CP hauling 30 tons of coal from 2/5. The 2/5 convoy at approximately 1030 received two (2) rounds of small arms fire from grid co-ordinates 9253, mortar fire was called in by Echo Company 2/5. There were no USMC casualties.

z. 29 April 1967: A convoy composed of 10 tractor trailers, 8 M-54's hauled 45 tons of metal stakes, 35 tons of 155mm ammunition, 23 tons of 105mm ammunition, 19 pallets of C Rations, one pre-fab house, 1500 pounds of Special

Services gear, 12 tons of beer and soda and 5000 pounds of sand bags to 2/5.

aa. 30 April 1967: A convoy (Rough Rider) composed of 135 vehicles returned to this CP from Dong Ha. A second convoy composed of 10 tractor trailers, 8 M-54's, one MRC-109 and 1 M-543 returned to this CP hauling 20 tons of coal from 2/5. A third convoy composed of 3 tractor trailers, 2 M-54's and 1 MRC-109 hauled 16 tons of 105mm ammunition, 8 pallets of C Rations, 2 pallets of general supplies, 1 pallet of batteries and 2 tons of 8 inch projectiles to 2/5. This same convoy returned to this CP.