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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

B. Location. On 31 May 1967, the 11th Motor Transport Battalion was in general support of the 1st Marine Division from its base camp at AT948762.

C. On 31 May 1967 the Battalion Command and Staff structure was 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-2/S-3	:	Captain MARK E. LOVELESS
S-4/Supply	:	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 L. M. THURN
Transport Company	:	Captain S. G. PRATT

D. Average strength:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>NAVY</u>
<u>OFF</u> 21	<u>OFF</u> 1
<u>ENL</u> 392	<u>ENL</u> 6

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- a. During May, the intensive logistical support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued, with the majority of cargo handled being ammunition. First and second echelon maintenance efficiency remained high although the overall deadline increased due to increased 3rd echelon maintenance requirements. Commitments to 1st Marine Division units averaged 87-90% of the Battalions vehicles during May.
- b. The Battalion is continuing to improve the camp area by taking advantage of all space possible. Tent storage areas have been virtually eliminated and some huts were moved to the company areas to provide additional troop billeting space. Additional steps were taken to beautify the camp area. Work on the motor pool is almost complete and this improvement will increase the overall Battalion efficiency, especially during the monsoon season. Work on the perimeter defenses that were taken out to facilitate work on the motor pool is progressing rapidly. The civic action program continues at the hamlet of Khan Son.
- c. Enemy contact remained light during this month. In one incident, a home made grenade was thrown at a perimeter bunker. The incident resulted in no casualties. A convoy of five vehicles returning for Hoi An was taken under fire in the vicinity of check point #25. There were no injuries, although one driver was struck by a bullet. The man was saved from serious injury by his flak jacket. The "Rough Rider" convoys run this month went smoothly and without significant incidents.
- d. One Bronze Star Medal and one Navy Commendation Medal were awarded to two members of this Battalion for bravery during a VC ambush in March 1967.
- e. This Battalion hauled 40,527 troops, carried 19,160 tons and drove 160,042 miles during May 1967.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. 1 May 1967: A Rough Rider convoy composed of 135 vehicles returned to this CP from Dong Ha. A road runner returned to this CP hauling 20 tons of coal from 2/5. A second road runner carried 19 tons of ammunition, 8 pallets of C rations, 2 pallets of general supplies and 1 pallet of batteries to 2/5.

b. 2 May 1967: A Rough Rider convoy composed of 135 vehicles departed this CP for Hue. While staged in a parking area at Phu Bai, this convoy received an undetermined amount of small arms fire. There were no casualties.

c. 3 May 1967: A road runner convoy hauled 100 tons of ammunition and 12 tons of beer to 2/5. The Rough Rider returned to this CP from Phu Bai.

d. 4 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned to this CP hauling 20 tons of coal, 1 ton of empty boxes and 5 tons of empty shell casings from 2/5.

e. 5 May 1967: A road runner convoy hauled 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 87 tons of ammunition, 3½ tons of mechanical parts, and 18 tons of C rations.

f. 6 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned to this CP hauling 20 tons of coal from 2/5. A second convoy went to Hill #55 to embark cargo and troops from 1/26 and staged overnight at the 1st Motor Transport Battalion CP.

g. 7 May 1967: A road runner convoy hauled 68 tons of rations, 32 tons of Class II supplies, 28 tons of ammunition, 4 tons of LVT parts and 1 generator to 2/5. The convoy staged overnight assisted 1st Motor Transport Battalion in executing a Rough Rider to Phu Bai hauling troops and cargo from 1/26.

h. 8 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 10 tons of empty shell casings and 2 tons of empty boxes. The convoy assisting the 1st Motor Transport Rough Rider returned to this CP from Phu Bai.

i. 9 May 1967: A road runner convoy hauled 143 tons of ammunition to 2/5.

j. 10 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned to this CP hauling 64 tons of coal, 6 tons of Class II supplies and 1,000 pounds of empty milk containers from 2/5. At 0030 a sentry on our perimeter watch heard a noise outside the wire. As he was alerting the other sentry, an explosion occurred half way between his bunker and the wire. The sentry fired 2 rounds in the direction of the original noise.

There were no injuries and no further contacts. An investigation of the area conducted the next morning disclosed a small depression in the ground probably caused by a hand grenade. Fragments were collected and forwarded to 11th Marine Regiment COC for evaluation.

k. 11 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP with 81 tons of ammunition, 2 tons of medical supplies, 3 tons of beer and soda, 8 tons of C rations, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 5,000 gallons of MOGAS to 2/5.

l. 12 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned to this CP hauling 10 tons of empty shell casings and 1,000 pounds of empty boxes from 2/5.

m. 13 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 98 tons of ammunition, 8 tons of boxes and pipe, and 15,000 gallons of JP-4. A second convoy moved to check point #27 in the Hai Van Pass, picked up 180 troops, took them to 2/7 CP and returned to this CP.

n. 14 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 (empty). A second convoy departed this CP for Hai An carrying 50 tons of cement. On the return trip this convoy received an undetermined amount of small arms fire at BT051601, and was forced to halt. Two vehicles from "A" Company, 1st Motor Transport Battalion joined the convoy and it moved out rapidly after a delay of about 3 minutes. There were no casualties from this unit, although a driver escaped serious injury when his flak jacket deflected a round. There was minor damage to the "A" Company vehicles. This convoy came under fire again at AT998708. The vehicles moved out rapidly and received no casualties and had no damage.

o. 15 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP and hauled 96 tons of ammunition and 10,000 gallons of fuel to 2/5.

p. 16 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned from 2/5 hauling 40 tons of coal, 3 tons of spoiled C rations, 1 ton of empty boxes and 2 tons of empty shell casings. At 2230, personnel on our Observation Post #2 observed fire and muzzle flashes from OP Eagle (AT932761) Hill #364. At 0010 a reaction force of one squad departed this CP to set up an ambush against the VC who were firing upon OP Eagle. They returned to this CP at 0730 having made no contact.

q. 17 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 23 tons of ammunition, 10,000 gallons of JP-4, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 10 tons of Class II supplies, 4 tons of C rations and 1 generator. This convoy returned to this CP carrying  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of empty boxes, 5 tons of empty shell casings and  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of Class III ammunition.

r. 18 May 1967: Normal Operations.

s. 19 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 5 tons of beer and soda, 9 tons of electrical parts, 16 tons of ammunition, and 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel. The convoy returned to this CP with 7 tons of empty shell casings and 1 ton of empty boxes.

t. 20 May 1967: A Rough Rider composed of 76 vehicles departed this CP for Hué/Phu Bai, carrying rice and supplies and troops from MCB-3. A second convoy embarked troops at AT989645 and carried them to Hill #55. Here they picked up more troops and hauled them to 2/1 CP and returned to this CP. Later this same convoy departed this CP, loaded one portable head to check point #83 where they spent the night.

u. 21 May 1967: The convoy that remained overnight at check point #83 returned to this CP. The Rough Rider returned to this CP from Hué/Phu Bai. A road runner convoy departed this CP for 2/5 carrying 61 tons of ammunition, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, two 3/4 ton laundry trailers, 3 tons of beer and soda and one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton relay pump. This road runner convoy returned to this CP with one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton relay pump and  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of hose.

v. 22 May 1967: Normal Operations.

w. 23 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP for check point #33 where they embarked 120 troops, carried them to AT941870, and returned to this CP.

x. 24 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP with 90 tons of ammunition, and 5,000 gallons of JP-4. This road runner convoy returned to this CP with 2 tons of empty boxes and 5 tons of M-14 rifles.

y. 25 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP and hauled 10 tons of pipe, 10 tons of C rations, 6 tons of PX supplies, 21 tons of ammunition, 24 tons of steel and 5,000 gallons of MOGAS to 2/5.

z. 26 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned from 2/5 with 45 tons of coal and 2 tons of empty boxes. A second convoy moved to AT835856, where they embarked 520 troops and carried them to Hill #55. At Hill #55, 9 of these vehicles embarked more troops and carried them to the 2/5 CP. These vehicles returned to Hill #55 to spend the night. The remaining vehicles of this convoy returned to this CP.

aa. 27 May 1967: The convoy that spent the night at Hill #55 returned to this CP. A road runner convoy departed for 2/5 with 64 tons of ammunition, 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 5,000 gallons of JP-4, 24 tons of steel and 3 tons of medical supplies.

bb. 28 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned from 2/5 with 14 tons of coal, 10 tons of empty shell casings and 3 tons of empty boxes.

cc. 29 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP for 2/5 with 28 tons of ammunition, 15 tons of steel, 10 tons of PX supplies and 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

dd. 30 May 1967: The road runner convoy returned to this CP with 3 tons of empty shell casings, 9 tons of defective ammunition and 5,000 gallons of contaminated fuel. During this trip a mine was discovered in the road. The mine detonated while engineer personnel were attempting to remove the mine resulting in 2 KIA and 4 WIA.

A MEDEVAC was called and when completed the convoy returned to this CP. There were no casualties from this Unit.

ee. 31 May 1967: A road runner convoy departed this CP for 2/5 with 14 tons of pipe, 50 tons of ammunition, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton generator, 1 ton of special services gear and 3 tons of sand bags and tires. This convoy returned to this CP with one 300 pound generator. A second convoy moved E-2-7 from their CP to AT892722 and returned to this CP.