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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

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

C. On 31 July 1967 the Battalion Command and Staff structure was as follows:

Commanding Officer:	Lieutenant Colonel J. B. BROWN, Jr.
Executive Officer:	Major R. C. TASHJIAN
Sergeant Major:	Sergeant Major W. R. ORTH, Sr.
S-1/Adjutant:	Second Lieutenant R. O BLANCHETTE
S-2/S-3:	Captain M. E. LOVELESS
S-4/Supply:	First Lieutenant D. J. DEAN
H&S Company:	First Lieutenant B. A. WALKER
A Company:	Captain K. M. WILSON
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>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
25	412	1	7

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. During July, the logistical support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued at an intensive pace. The majority of the cargo was ammunition and fuel. Also during the month of July, support was begun for the 5th Marines and the new Logistical Support Area located at Hill #63. Six ROUGH RIDERS have been run to Hill #63 hauling supplies for 3/5, 1/5 and Regimental Headquarters. A ROUGH RIDER was also conducted to Phu Bai moving vehicles for the 3rd Marine Division. First and second echelon maintenance efficiency remained high with the overall deadline rate stabilizing at about the same level as the last two months, roughly 3% of our total deadline. Third and fourth echelon requirements and a lack of shop space and/or parts at FSR constituted the better part of our deadline. Commitments to the 1st Marine Division averaged 95% of the Battalion vehicles during the month of July.

B. The Battalion is continuing to improve the camp area. Additional huts have been built to provide living space for those elements of the 5th Marines that are now sharing the encampment. During July, construction was completed on all existing facilities. Work on perimeter defenses continued with new wire being strung, new bunkers being built and the clearing of brush from the perimeter. The civic action program continued in Khanh Son. The initial phase of training on the M-16 rifle is nearing completion. On 7 June Lieutenant Colonel J. B. BROWN, Jr. assumed command of the 11th Motor Transport Battalion vice Major R. C. TASHJIAN relieved.

C. Enemy contact picked up tempo again this month. As the result of enemy activity, four trucks, M-54, one truck tractor, M-52, and one vehicular mounted radio set AN/MRC-109 were destroyed. The Battalion had three KIA's and two WIA's as a result of increased enemy activity. There was also an increasing number of incidents of small arms fire and sniper fire.

D. This Battalion hauled 41,138 troops, carried 20,850 tons of cargo and drove 176,256 miles during July 1967.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. 1 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy hauled 5,000 gallons of diesel, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 40 tons of pipe and five tons of steel to 2/5. At 1141H, at grid co-ordinates AT909490, a M54-109 radio jeep hit a mine resulting in two KIA.
- B. 2 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 empty. A second ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5, hauling two tons of acetylene tanks, 24½ tons of conax boxes and wire, eight tons of heads and supplies and one 10 ton tractor. This same convoy returned to this CP carrying one ton of ice orating. A third convoy departed this CP for the deep water pier to unload cargo from LST #4160. The second ROAD RUNNER convoy received an undetermined amount of sniper rounds from the right side of the road approximately 300 meters south of check point #6. There were no USMC casualties.
- C. 3 July 1967: This unit continued to off-load the 5th Marine Regiment from LST #4160 at "Bridge Ramp."
- D. 4 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5, hauling 36 tons of ammunition, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 10,000 gallons of diesel, 18 tons of soda, 15 tons of PX supplies, six tons of CONEX boxes, six tons of lumber, two tons of beer and three tons of communications equipment. This same convoy returned hauling four tons of empty brass casings and two tons of empty crates. A second convoy made a tactical move to grid co-ordinates 892772 to pick up a company which was transported to the 2/7 CP. A total of 90 troops were transported. This unit completed the off-loading of the 5th Marine Regiment from LST #4160 at "Bridge Ramp."
- E. 5 July 1967: This Battalion off-loaded LST #4082 for 1/5.
- F. 6 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 68 tons of ammunition, one gun tube, 12 tons of "B" rations, 12 tons of barbed wire, 22 tons of culverting, 10 tons of lumber, 1½ tons of USO gift packs and 10,000 gallons of JP-4.
- G. 7 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 200 pounds of defective ammunition and one refrigerator. A second convoy composed of five M-54's transported 47 Marines from 3/1 to Hill #10. These same trucks transported 49 Marines from Hill #10 to the 3/1 CP.
- H. 8 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy hauled nine tons of ammunition, seven tons of beer and soda, 91 tons of steel and 12 tons of black powder to 2/5. At 1112H an M-54 hit a mine at grid co-ordinates AT909480 resulting in one KIA and one WIA.
- I. 9 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling two tons of wooden boxes. A second convoy hauled 20 tons of ammunition, five tons of sand bags, one ice machine, one ton of tires, 10,000 gallons of diesel, 5,000 gallons of JP-4 and 5,000 gallons of AVGAS to 2/5. This same convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 2½ tons of shell casings.

J. 10 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy hauled 2½ tons of pipe and wire, five tons of 105mm ammunition, five tons of sea bags and personal equipment, eight tons of C rations, 10 tons of lumber, two tons of foot lockers and one 60 ton lowbed with a Rough Terrain Forklift to 2/5. A second convoy composed of six M-54's hauled bridging material from 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion to the ferry at Check Point #6a.

K. 11 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 2½ tons of empty shell casings. A second ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 75 tons of ammunition and 5,000 gallons of JP-4. A third convoy made two trips hauling bridging material from Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion, to Check Point #6a and returned to this CP.

L. 12 July 1967: A convoy hauled bridging material from Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion, to Check Point #6a and returned to this CP. A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 82 vehicles left this CP hauling 77 tons of general cargo and 135 passengers to Phu Bai. A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 600 pounds of cardboard boxes and 400 pounds of wooden crates.

M. 13 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy hauled seven tons of "B" rations, five tons of miscellaneous cargo, 35 tons of ammunition and 40 tons of steel to 2/5. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling five tons of miscellaneous cargo including flak jackets, reefers and cots from 2/5.

N. 14 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 29 tons of ammunition, 20 tons of projectiles and 10,000 gallons of JP-4.

O. 15 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling four tons of empty brass casings, two tons of defective ammunition and 1,000 pounds of empty boxes. A second ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 30 tons of steel, 15,000 gallons of diesel and five tons of beer and soda. This same convoy returned to this CP empty. A ROUGH RIDER convoy departed this CP hauling 125 troops and 119 tons of culvert material, wire, lumber and miscellaneous cargo to Hill #63 (grid co-ordinates 132453). The convoy returned to this CP empty. A convoy composed of three tractor trailers departed this CP for the 2/1 CP where it picked up 200 Marines and transported them to the 1/1 CP. The convoy returned to this CP empty.

P. 16 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 towing three tankers, two of which contained AVGAS and one with JP-4, 21½ tons of projectiles, four tons of general supplies, 48 tons of ammunition and four tons of plywood. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling 1,000 pounds of shell casing, 900 pounds of empty boxes and one 3,000 pound freezer.

Q. 17 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 5,000 gallons of AVGAS, 5,000 gallons of diesel, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 26 tons of steel, 28 tons of ammunition and five tons of Class II and IV supplies. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling three tons of brass and one Mighty Mite weighing 1,200 pounds. A second convoy departed this CP for Hill #65 hauling 77½ tons of 155mm ammunition, 12 tons of black powder and 1½ tons of fuzes and primers. This same convoy returned to this CP empty. A third convoy composed of seven M-54's departed this CP for 1/1, where it picked up 200 troops and hauled them to the 2/1 and 3/1 CP's. The convoy then returned to this CP empty.

R. 18 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER departed this CP for 2/5 hauling three tons of Class I, II and IV supplies, 2½ tons of medical supplies, mortar tubes, mess gear, and 46 tons of steel. This same convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling 100 pounds of empty boxes and one ton of empty drums. A second convoy departed this CP for Hill #65 hauling ammunition. The convoy spent the night at Hill #65. The convoy composed of 10 M-54's destined for Hill #65 received 10-20 rounds of small arms fire at grid coordinates 849563. There were no USMC casualties.

S. 19 July 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy departed this CP hauling 84 tons of cargo and 366 passengers for Hill #63. They returned to this CP empty. A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 34 tons of steel, two tons of beer and soda, 28 tons of ammunition and 13 tons of Class IV. The convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling one 8" gun barrel and 1,000 pounds of empty ammunition boxes. A third convoy departed the 3/7 CP with 40 tons of ammunition for Hill #52 and subsequently returned to this CP. The ROUGH RIDER convoy received three mortar rounds approximately 300-400 meters from their position in grid square 0953. There were no USMC casualties.

T. 20 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 15,000 gallons of JP-4, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 5,000 gallons of AVGAS, 22 tons of ammunition and eight tons of empty sandbags. This same convoy returned to this CP empty.

U. 21 July 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 72 vehicles departed this CP hauling 346 troops and 153 tons of general cargo to Hill #63. The convoy returned to this CP the same day empty.

V. 22 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 48 tons of steel, 5,000 gallons of JP-4, 10,000 gallons of diesel, one ton of empty sand bags, 16 tons of lumber, 12 tons of ammunition, 10 tons of beer and soda, and 1½ tons of Class IV. This convoy returned to this CP hauling 10 tons of bricks, one M-422 weighing 1,200 pounds, one TD-24, 1,000 pounds of empty boxes, one ton of empty sand bags. Ten tons of ammunition and an M-107 water trailer were dropped off at Check Point #6. One M-52 hit a mine estimated to be a 25 pound charge at AT908498 with one USMC WIA.

W. 23 July 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 72 vehicles departed this CP for Hill #63 hauling 162 passengers and 260 tons of cargo. They returned to this CP from Hill #63 empty. A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP hauling 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and 47½ tons of ammunition to 2/5. This convoy returned to this CP empty.

X. 24 July 1967: Normal Commitments.

Y. 25 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 12 tons of ammunition, 10,000 gallons of JP-4, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 5,000 gallons of AVGAS, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 17 tons of POL and five tons of trip flares.

Z. 26 July 1967: Normal Commitments.

AA. 27 July 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 66 vehicles, 111 tons and 268 troops departed this CP for Hill #63. They returned to this CP with 1½ tons of cargo and 194 troops. A ROAD RUNNER convoy composed of 21 vehicles hauled 24

tons of tar, 24 tons of steel, 9½ tons of lumber, 10,000 gallons of JP-4 and 91 tons of assorted ammunition to 2/5. They remained at the 2/5 CP overnight. The ROUGH RIDER convoy discovered a mine at BT135473 and blew it in place. While halted at this position, the ROUGH RIDER received four rounds of sniper fire. There were no USMC casualties.

BB. 28 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP from 2/5 hauling one ton of empty boxes, two M-54's loaded with empty sand bags, two M-54's loaded with unserviceable ammunition, spoiled C rations and one 500 pound generator. A second ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 48 tons of ammunition, 24 tons of steel, 5,000 gallons of JP-4, 5,000 gallons of MOGAS, 13 tons of B and C rations. This convoy returned to this CP hauling one mule weighing 700 pounds.

CC. 29 July 1967: A convoy departed this CP for 2/5 hauling 48 tons of steel and 48 tons of tar. The convoy returned to this CP empty. A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 65 vehicles hauled 180 troops and 172 tons of cargo from this CP to Hill #63. The convoy returned to this CP hauling three tons of cargo. A convoy departed this CP on a TAC move to Hill #10 at AT923693 where it picked up 80 troops and transported them to Hill #60 at AT892771. Here the convoy picked up 70 troops and transported them to Hill #37 where it dropped them and returned to this CP. The ROUGH RIDER convoy received four sniper rounds at grid coordinates BT093543. There were no USMC casualties.

DD. 30 July 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy hauled 12 tons of ammunition, 12 tons of C rations, 55½ tons of steel and cement, 24 tons of tar, 20,000 gallons of JP-4, and 19½ tons of projectiles to 2/5 and returned to this CP hauling 1,000 pounds of brass and 3,000 pounds of cement. This convoy dropped 5,000 pounds of rations and ammunition at check point #6 on the way back.

EE. 31 July 1967: A convoy composed of 10 M-54's and two tractor trailers departed this CP on a TAC move to 1/7 where it loaded 100 troops and 28 tons of general cargo and transported them to Hill #41. At Hill #41, it picked up 150 troops and hauled them to 3/1 and then returned to this CP. A second convoy departed this CP on a TAC move to 1/1 CP, picked up 60 troops and transported them to Company D, 1/1. At Company D it picked up 90 troops and transported them to the 1/1 CP. The convoy then transported 30 troops from grid square 1358 to grid square 1756 and then hauled 150 Marines from Company A, 1/7, to the 1/1 CP and returned to this CP.