

HEADQUARTERS  
11th Motor Transport Battalion  
1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

3/TCB:fxc  
3500  
10 September 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
(Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August 1967 to 31  
August 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5550.2B

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

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

  
J. B. BROWN Jr.

11TH MT BN  
CMD CHRON

HEADQUARTERS  
11th Motor Transport Battalion  
1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967

INDEX

PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PART III - SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

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

C. On 31 August 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:	1stLt. R. O. BLANCHETTE
S-2/S-3:	Major C. H. BRAUER
S-4/Supply:	1stLt. D. J. DEAN
H&S Company:	1stLT. B. A. WALKER
A Company:	Captain K. M. WILSON
B Company:	1stLt. P. B. ROONEY
C Company:	1stLt. 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	401	1	9	

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. During August, the logistical support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued at an intensive pace with ammunition and fuel being the main cargo carried. This Battalions operations in support of the LSA at Hill #63 continued during the month. The later operations consisted mainly of providing serials to accompany ROUGH RIDER convoys. The Battalion provided vehicle support to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines for the movement of the Command Post from Hill #55 to Hill #10. Five ROUGH RIDERS were conducted this month in support of the 1st Marine Division operations.

B. The Battalion is continuing to improve the camp area. Living space has been consolidated to provide additional huts and better quarters. Permanent space has been provided for the Career Advisory NCO, Special Services and plans have been completed for additional recreational facilities. In expectation of the monsoon season, drainage has been vastly improved, roofs tied down and checked, and rain and windbreakers have been installed around huts. Elements of the 5th Marines have moved to Hill #63 and living space is now being provided for the Radio Relay and Construction Company of the 7th Communications Battalion. Work on the perimeter defense is proceeding with strengthening of perimeter wire and the improvement and construction of bunkers. Additional fighting holes have been added along with intensive fire plan and contingency plans for defending the perimeter in an emergency. The civic action program continued in Khanh Son, and a more efficient program of checking indigenous personnel coming and going from the camp was implemented.

C. Enemy contact on the road stabilized at about the same level as last month. There were three mine incidents when tracked vehicles providing security for convoys detonated mines. A vehicle was ambushed and destroyed near the 2/7, G Company CP resulting in one WIA from this unit. Another vehicle hit an anti-personnel mine with no damage to the vehicle or personnel. A tractor trailer hit a mine that resulted in two WIA's (NON EVAC). Activity surrounding the Battalion's perimeter defense has picked up. There have been four occasions when confirmed sniper fire was received in the northwestern sector of the Battalion perimeter.

D. This Battalion transported 37,803 troops, carried 18,826 tons, and drove 169,221 miles during August 1967. On 9 August 1967, this Battalion completed 1,000,000 miles of vehicle operation since its supporting role commenced on 18 January 1967.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 August 1967: A convoy departed this CP for Hill #55 transporting 15 tons of lumber, 70 troops, 30 tons of wire, C rations and personal gear, and proceeded to Hill #10. A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 24 tons of steel, 24 tons of tar, 10,000 gallons of JP-4, 12 tons of ammunition, nine tons of projectiles, nine tons of CONEX boxes and general cargo, four tons of cement and ordnance equipment and 1½ tons of electronic equipment. The convoy returned to this CP hauling 4000 pounds of empty ammunition boxes, one 500 pound generator and one refrigerator weighing one ton.
- b. 2 August 1967: Normal Operations.
- c. 3 August 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 43 vehicles departed this CP for Phu Loc escorting personnel and equipment from MCB-4. A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 20 tons of C rations, 10 tons of beer and soda, 24 tons of ammunition, 24 tons of steel, four tons of tar, 15,000 gallons of JP-4, 5,000 gallons of Aviation Gas, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel and seven tons of vehicle track. It returned to this CP hauling nine tons of ammunition, 500 pounds of empty boxes, one M-274 "MULE" and two M-422 "MIGHTY MITES". A tactical convoy departed this CP for Hill #55 where it picked up troops/cargo and transported them to Check Point #6A. The convoy then made two additional trips between Check Point #6A and Hill #10 shuttling troops and cargo. The convoy transported a total of 200 troops and 50 tons of cargo. A second tactical convoy composed of 10 M-54's, departed this CP for Check Point #11. This convoy picked up troops and cargo and proceeded to Hill #10. At Hill #10 the convoy picked up more cargo and then proceeded to make two trips between Hill #65 and Check Point #6A Shuttling troops and equipment. This convoy carried a total of 200 troops, two M-274 "MULES" and 20 tons of individual equipment.
- d. 4 August 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 28 vehicles returned to this CP from Phu Loc. A ROAD RUNNER convoy carried 20 tons of ammunition, 22 tons of rations, 5,000 gallons of Aviation Gas, 15,000 gallons of JP-4 and one TD-15 to An Hoa. The convoy returned to this CP hauling nine tons of defective ammunition. The convoy unloaded one head and 1,000 pounds of rations at Check Point #6.

e. 5 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 22 tons of ammunition, 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 10,000 gallons of JP-4, one 5 ton generator. The convoy returned to this CP hauling six tons of class III ammunition and one tanker with JP-4. The convoy unloaded 1,000 pounds of wire, rations, ammunition and sandbags at Check Point #6. One tank from the security element with the ROAD RUNNER to An Hoa detonated a mine approximately 200 meters south of Check Point #3. Another tank took the mined tank in-tow and they had moved about 1600 meters farther down the road when the disabled tank hit a second mine. At this time, the convoy received an undetermined amount of small arms fire and returned fire on the suspected VC positions. There were <sup>no</sup> VC KIA (P) and one USMC WIA (NON EVAC). A tactical move departed this CP for Hill #55 where it picked up 267 tons of cargo and hauled it to Hill #10. The convoy then returned to this CP.

f. 6 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 10 tons of rations, 5,000 gallons of aviation gas, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 24 tons of steel, 54 tons of cement, 10 tons of ammunition and five tons of general cargo. The convoy remained over night at An Hoa. A convoy departed this CP for Hill #55 and spent the day hauling cargo between Hill #55 and Hill #10. The convoy spent the night at Hill #10.

g. 7 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy returned to this CP hauling seven tons of unseizable individual equipment, one 30kw generator and one ton of empty boxes. A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 35 tons of ammunition, four tons of soda, 10 tons of C rations and 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas. This convoy returned to this CP empty.

h. 8 August 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy departed this CP for Hue/Phu Bai hauling 135 tons of cargo and 203 passengers. A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 25 tons of military exchange supplies, 41 tons of ammunition and 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling eight tons of mortar rounds. A convoy departed this CP to shuttle cargo from Hill #10 to Hill #55. This convoy hauled a total of 46 tons of general cargo and returned to this CP. At 1230 a tractor/trailer hit a mine of undetermined size at grid coordinates AT918515. There were two USMC WIA's who were treated on the spot by a corpsman.

i. 9 August 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy returned to this CP from Hue/Phu Bai hauling 80 tons of cargo and 183 passengers. A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa

hauling 3,750 gallons of JP-4, 28 tons of steel, 24 tons of cement, three tons of lumber, a three ton refrigerator, 20 tons of ammunition, and 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling 1,200 pounds of empty barrels. At 1145 a tank, which was part of the security element, hit a mine of undetermined size approximately 200 meters south of Check Point #3. There were no USMC casualties. A convoy departed this CP to shuttle cargo from Hill #55 to Hill #10.

j. 10 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 15,000 gallons of JP-4, 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas, 16 tons of oxygen, 29 tons of ammunition, 15 tons of "B" rations and one 60kw generator. The convoy returned to this CP hauling 400 pounds of empty boxes and dropped five tons of "C" rations and sandbags at Check Point #6. A convoy departed this CP for Hill #55 where it spent the day shuttling 48 tons of lumber, 10 tons of wire and 20 troops between Hill #55 and Hill #10. The convoy returned to this CP.

k. 11 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 10,000 gallons of Aviation Gas, 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas, 13 tons of barbed wire, five tons of oil and one M-274 "MULE." This same convoy returned to this CP hauling two tons of empty 81mm mortar boxes. A convoy departed this CP to join with a 1st Motor Transport Battalion convoy enroute to Hill #63. Eleven M-54's hauled tent decking, one M-54 transported 20 barrels of diesel fuel and 10 pails of grease, three M-54's were loaded with sand bags, four with ammunition. On the return trip, 10 M-54's went to the city of Hoi An to load cargo and spent the night at the 1/1 CP.

l. 12 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling one D-4 bulldozer, 5,000 gallons of JP-4, 5,000 gallons of Aviation gas, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 24 tons of cement, 16 tons of ammunition, 10 tons of beer and soda and 10 tons of general cargo. It returned to this CP hauling one M-422 "MIGHTY MITE" and five tons of spoiled fruit and defective ammunition.

m. 13 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling eight tons of lumber, 28 tons of ammunition, 32 tons of corn, 25 tons of bulgar grain, six tons of cooking oil, 250 pounds of clothing, 200 pounds of boxes, 15,000 gallons of JP-4 and 30 M-274 "MULES." The convoy then returned to this CP. A second convoy departed this CP for 1st Motor Transport Battalion where it joined a larger convoy for a ROUGH RIDER to Hill #63. The convoy hauled 17 tons of tent decking and four tons of individual equipment. This same

convoy returned to this CP hauling five M-274 "MULES." A convoy departed this CP on a tactical movement to the 2/1 CP and spent the night at that location.

n. 14 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 12 tons of general cargo, 21 tons of ammunition, a CONEX box weighing 1,100 pounds and an Army jeep and trailer. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling five tons of shell casings and 150 pounds of empty boxes. A convoy returned to this CP from the 2/1 CP. This convoy had been transporting troops from grid coordinates BT093523 to the 2/1 CP. A total of 285 troops were transported.

o. 15 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling four tons of beer and soda, 25 tons of ammunition and 5,000 gallons of JP-4. The convoy returned to this CP hauling 200 pounds of empty boxes and six tons of shell casings from the 2/5 CP.

p. 16 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 10,000 gallons of JP-4, 20 tons of ammunition, and a two and one half ton refrigerator. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling 12 tons of empty shell casings and one and one half tons of empty crates.

q. 17 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa carrying 10 tons of oil drums, 26 tons of ammunition, 10,000 gallons of JP-4 and 5,000 gallons of aviation gas. This same convoy returned to this CP empty. A ROUGH RIDER convoy departed this CP for Phu Bai escorting the U. S. Army, 4th Battalion, 8th Artillery. It transported 438 soldiers and was composed of 117 vehicles.

r. 18 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling five tons of stakes, two laundry units, 27 tons of ammunition, 16 tons of lumber, eight tons of "B" rations, 10,000 gallons of JP-4, and 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling four tons of empty brass casings. The ROUGH RIDER convoy returned to this CP from Phu Bai.

s. 19 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 52 tons of ammunition, 11 tons of beer and soda, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 10 tons of general cargo. It returned to this CP hauling one M-274 "MULE", 2½ tons of brass casings and a 105mm Howitzer. A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 37 vehicles and 77 passengers carried 90 tons of cargo to resupply the MCB-4 camp at Check Point #14 (Phu Loc). An M-54 from



this organization, while participating in a mine sweep for G Company, 2/7, was ambushed by approximately seven enemy. The incident occurred approximately 800 meters from the Company CP (AT902718), and resulted in one WIA, who was MEDEVACED. The truck was destroyed.

t. 20 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 38 tons of ammunition, four tons of beer and soda, four tons of gun oil and 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas. The convoy returned to this CP hauling two tons of brass casings. The ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 37 vehicles returned to this CP from Check Point #14 with 100 personnel aboard.

u. 21 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 24 tons of steel, 36 tons of ammunition, eight tons of lumber, 5,000 gallons of JP-4, and nine tons of general cargo. This same convoy returned to this CP hauling one ton of empty brass casings. A second convoy departed this CP for the 1/1 CP where it picked up 150 troops and transported them to BT095530. A third convoy composed of nine M-54's departed this CP for the 3/1 CP where it picked up 150 troops and transported them to BT095530. The convoy returning from the 3/1 CP received three incoming sniper rounds at Check Point #25. There were no USMC casualties.

v. 22 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 24 tons of ammunition, 12 tons of "C" rations, 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas, 5,000 gallons of JP-4, five tons of lime, and one ton of beer and soda. This same convoy returned to this CP with 2½ tons of spoiled "C" rations and one M-274 MULE."

w. 23 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 31 tons of ammunition, five tons of oil drums, 24 tons of steel and one 155mm gun. The convoy returned to this CP transporting the III MAF Drum and Bugle Corps. The perimeter defense received seven incoming rounds at 1900. One round was returned with negative results. There were no USMC casualties.

x. 24 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 5,000 gallons of Motor Gas, 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 21 tons of general cargo, 24 tons of steel, eight tons of lumber, 20 tons of ammunition and 5,000 gallons of diesel. It returned to this CP hauling 200 pounds of empty boxes and 1,000 pounds of crated envelopes. An M-54 hit an anti-personnel mine at grid coordinates AT909503. There were no USMC casualties and no damage to the vehicle.

y. 25 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 13 tons of general cargo, five tons of "C" rations, 36 tons of PX supplies, 30 tons of ammunition and 5,000 gallons of Aviation Gas. It dropped three tons of ammunition, utilities and "C" rations at Check Point #6, and returned to this CP with 400 pounds of empty boxes. A second convoy with 56 tons of U.S. AID supplies departed this CP, joined a ROUGH RIDER convoy from 1st Motor Transport Battalion and delivered their cargo to Tam Ky where they spent the night. A convoy departed this CP for Hill #55 hauling 70 tons of general cargo. They returned to this CP empty.

z. 26 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 10 tons of oil, 20 tons of ammunition, two tons of ordnance parts, nine tons of "C" rations, 24 tons of cement, 5,000 gallons of Vietnamese gasoline, 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel. This same convoy returned to this CP with two tons of crating material and tires. A second convoy returned empty to this CP from Tam Ky.

aa. 27 August 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy composed of 71 vehicles and 193 personnel escorted serials from 1st Motor Transport Battalion and 7th Motor Transport Battalion to Hill #63. At Hill #63, the ROUGH RIDER picked up 120 personnel from BLT 1/3 and transported them to Chu Lai.

bb. 28 August 1967: The ROUGH RIDER convoy at Chu Lai moved to Check Point #29 where it loaded cargo and spent the night.

cc. 29 August 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy from this Battalion moved from Hill #29 to Hill #63.

dd. 30 August 1967: A ROUGH RIDER convoy remained another day at Hill #63 due to an impassable bridge.

ee. 31 August 1967: A ROAD RUNNER convoy departed this CP for An Hoa hauling 30 tons of general cargo, four tons of lumber, 16 tons of ammunition, two tons of soda and 13 tons of rations. This convoy remained at the 2/5 CP overnight. The ROUGH RIDER convoy from this Battalion remained another night at Hill #63 because of an impassable bridge.