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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a),
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- A. The period covered by this report extends from 1 September 1967 to 30 September 1967.
- B. Location: On 30 September 1967, the 11th Motor Transport Battalion was in general support of the 1st Marine Division from its base camp at AT948762.
- C. On 30 September 1967 the Battalion Command and Staff structure was as follows:

Commanding Officer:	Lieutenant Colonel J.B. BROWN, Jr.
Executive Officer:	Major C. H. BRAUER
Sergeant Major:	W. R. ORTH, Sr.
S-1/Adjutant:	1stLt. R. O. BLANCHETTE
S-2/S-3:	Captain M. E. LOVELESS
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:	1stLt. J. M. CAMPBELL

D. Average Strength:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
26	382	1	7

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. During September the logistical support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued at an intensive pace. Class III and Class V was the main cargo transported. Condition of Liberty Road to An Hoa has deteriorated to the stage where most of the vehicles become mired in the mud, however, repairs are in progress. This Battalion continued operations in support of the LSA at Hill #63, but at a reduced pace because of the blown bridge at Check Point #22. Two "ROUGH RIDER" convoys were conducted to Phu Loc (Check Point #14), and two "ROUGH RIDER" convoys were conducted to Phu Bai.

B. The Battalion is continuing to improve the camp area. Five buildings have been relocated and two buildings have been refurnished to provide better utilization of existing facilities. Drainage has been improved in expectation of the impending monsoon season. A fighting trench line has been completed around a portion of the perimeter. One volley ball court has been constructed. The supply Officer has converted all Class II type I accounts from formal to informal accounts, turned in over 265 line items as excess property with a total money value of \$7,419.38 and processed over 700 requisitions. In the performance of Civil Affairs activities the Battalion has arranged for civic action movies to be shown in the village of Da Son with over 1300 Vietnamese in attendance. Over 500 health leaflets and 625 Tu Do newspapers have been distributed. A new program has been initiated to give scrap lumber to the Vietnamese for the construction and repair of homes. So far two dwellings have been completed. Battalion personnel received six meritorious masts and one Purple Heart during September. One Marine was MEDEVAC (minor) as a result of a mine incident.

C. Enemy contact for this period has remained at about the same level as in previous months. There have been three incidents of incoming fire received in the Battalion Defensive Perimeter. In one instance fire was returned with unknown results. There have been three mine incidents two involving trucks from this Battalion and another involving a truck that was a part of a "ROUGH RIDER" convoy enroute to Phu Loc (Check Point #14).

D. This Battalion transported 41,062 troops, carried 17,724 tons and drove 151,142 miles during the month of September 1967.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 September 1967: A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy from this Battalion which had been held at Hill #63 because of an impassable bridge, moved to Chu Lai and embarked aboard an LST to return to Danang. A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa. It transported 52,500 gallons of Class IIIA, 12 tons of Class IV, eight tons of Class V, and six tons of PX supplies. This convoy returned to this organization along with another convoy that had remained overnight at An Hoa. It returned carrying seven tons of Class V supplies which were delivered to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at check point #6 and one 1,400 pound ice cream machine.
- b. 2 September 1967: A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy departed Chu Lai by LST and returned to this organization. At 0315, approximately four enemy fired at the Battalion defensive perimeter. The perimeter security force returned fire with unknown results. There were no USMC casualties.
- c. 3 September 1967: The Battalion carried on curtailed operations due to the Vietnamese National elections.
- d. 4 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 16 tons of Class I, 7,500 gallons of Class III, 30 tons of Class V, plus two M422 "Mighty Mites". The convoy returned to Danang transporting one ton of Class III supplies, two tons of Class IV (salvage) and 400 pounds of wooden crates.
- e. 5 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 59 tons of Class V supplies. This same convoy returned to Danang transporting four tons of Class V supplies (defective).
- f. 6 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 7,500 gallons of Class IIIA, 28 tons of Class IV and 42 tons of Class V supplies. This same convoy returned to Danang transporting eight tons of Class IV (salvage).
- g. 7 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa carrying eight tons of Class I, six and one half tons of Class IIA, 7,500 gallons of Class III and 55 tons of Class V supplies. On the return trip the convoy transported three and one half tons of Class I, and II supplies to check point #6. The convoy returned to Danang with three tons of Class V supplies (defective) and one M-37 truck.

h. 8 September 1967: This Battalion carried on normal operations.

i. 9 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 11 tons of Class III supplies, 10,000 gallons of Class IIIA, 38 tons of Class V supplies and towed one 155mm Howitzer. The convoy returned to this organization transporting six tons of bricks and 900 pounds of empty boxes. A convoy departed this organization transporting Class I and Class V supplies. It joined a 1st Motor Transport Battalion "ROUGH RIDER" convoy and proceeded to Hill #63. The "ROUGH RIDER" convoy remained at Hill #63 until 16 September 1967.

j. 10 September 1967: This Battalion carried on normal operations.

k. 11 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa. The convoy transported five tons of Class II, 20,000 gallons of Class III and 59 tons of Class V supplies. This convoy returned to Danang transporting three and one half tons of Class I, II and III supplies to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at check point #6 and eight tons of Class V supplies was brought to this organization.

l. 12 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting two and one half tons of Class II and IV supplies, 10,000 gallons of Class III and 22½ tons of Class V supplies. This same convoy returned to Danang carrying 3½ tons of Class I Supplies, one ton of Class IV supplies, 12 tons of coal, and 1,000 pounds of empty boxes and individual equipment. A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy departed this organization for Phu Loc (check point #14) with 29 vehicles and 96 personnel for resupply of MCB-74. It remained overnight at check point #14. An M-51 dump truck detonated a mine at grid coordinates AT845000 at 1100H. There were no USMC or USN casualties. At 1100H a tractor trailer from this Battalion traveling south on National Route #1 received five sniper rounds at AT013662. There were no USMC casualties.

m. 13 September 1967: A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy returned to this organization from check point #14. A Battalion truck, TAD to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines was traveling north on Highway #5 when it detonated a mine at grid coordinates AT942661. The vehicle was destroyed. There were two USN and one USMC WIA MEDEVAC (minor). A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy returning from check point #14 found 10 mines by the side of the road. The mine positions con-

tained 60mm mortar rounds, three 105mm rounds and two box type mines. While sweeping the road, the convoy received eight incoming mortar rounds 200 meters to its front. This action occurred at ZD140012. There were no USMC casualties.

n. 14 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 30 tons of Class I, 15,000 gallons of Class III, 5,000 gallons of Class IIIA and 42 tons of Class V supplies. At check point #11, approximately 25 ARVN M-35's joined the 11th Motor Transport Battalion "ROAD RUNNER". The convoy remained the night at the 2/5 compound.

o. 15 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy returned to this organization from An Hoa transporting 500 pounds of Class I and V supplies to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at check point #6. Returning to Danang, the convoy carried seven tons of Class V (defective) and 24 tons of coal. A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting four tons of Class IV, 23 tons of Class V supplies and 36 tons of FX supplies.

p. 16 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy returned to this organization from An Hoa transporting 10 tons of Class IV (salvage), and five tons of Class V (defective). A serial from this Battalion composed of 15 M-54's and one MRC-109 as a part of a 1st Motor Transport Battalion "ROUGH RIDER" returned to this organization from Hill #63.

q. 17 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 10 tons of Class I, 2,200 gallons of Class III, 15 tons of Class IV, and 46 tons of Class V supplies. This convoy returned to Danang transporting five tons of Class V (defective) and 4,800 pounds of empty boxes.

r. 18 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 10 tons of Class III, 10,000 gallons of Class IIIA, five tons of Class IV and 44 tons of Class V supplies. This convoy returned to this organization empty. A serial of 15 M-54's and one radio jeep joined a 1st Motor Transport Battalion "ROUGH RIDER" convoy and proceeded to Hill #63. The serial transported 22 tons of Class II, 10 tons of Class III, 35 tons of Class IV and eight tons of Class V supplies. This convoy remained at Hill #63 until 20 September 1967.

s. 19 September 1967: A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy departed this organization escorting MCB-74 to Phu Loc, and remained overnight.

t. 20 September 1967: A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy from this Battalion returned to this organization from Phu Loc. A convoy of 15 M-54's and one radio jeep returned to this organization from the 1st Motor Transport Battalion "ROUGH RIDER" to Hill #63.

u. 21 September 1967: A tactical convoy from this Battalion transported troops from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines and 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to check point #22. This convoy then returned to this organization.

v. 22 September 1967: This Battalion carried on normal operations.

w. 23 September 1967: A convoy from this organization departed on a tactical move transporting troops to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. A second convoy departed this organization to transport 49 tons of Class V supplies to Hill #65. This convoy remained overnight.

x. 24 September 1967: A convoy that had remained at Hill #65 overnight returned to this organization. A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 15 tons of Class I, 29 tons of Class II, 5,000 gallons and four tons of Class III, 10,000 gallons of Class IIIA, 57 tons of Class IV and 37 tons of Class V supplies. This convoy remained at An Hoa overnight.

y. 25 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy returned to this organization from An Hoa. This convoy delivered two tons of Class I, and one ton of Class V supplies to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at check point #6. This convoy returned to Danang with three tons of Class II, six tons of Class IV supplies and 22 tons of Class V (defective). A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 17 tons of Class I, nine tons of Class II, 29 tons of Class III and 18 tons of Class V supplies. This convoy returned to this organization transporting 24 tons of Class V (defective) and five tons of Class IV (salvage).

z. 26 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 15,000 gallons of Class IIIA, 30 tons of Class IV and 41 tons of Class V supplies. This convoy remained at An Hoa overnight. A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy of 107 vehicles departed Danang escorting the 515th Medium Truck Company to Phu Bai.

aa. 27 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting four tons of Class IV, 56 tons of Class V supplies and five tons of

USAID supplies and remained overnight. A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy returned to Danang from Phu Bai.

bb. 28 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 54 tons of Class V supplies and one eight ton gun barrel. The convoy picked up 160 personnel, 500 pounds of Class I and three tons of Class V supplies at Check Point #6 and transported them to An Hoa. The convoy returned to Danang empty. A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy departed Danang for Phu Bai, this Battalion provided control personnel and vehicles to escort the 534th Medium Truck Company, U. S. Army. A "ROAD RUNNER" departed this organization for Check Point #6a where it picked up 680 troops and transported them to Tien Sha Ramp. This convoy then returned to this organization.

cc. 29 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting eight tons of Class I, 10 tons of Class II, 5,000 gallons of Class III, 10,000 gallons of Class IIIA and 29 tons of Class V. The convoy returned to Danang transporting one half ton of empty ammunition boxes. A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy returned to Danang from Phu Bai.

dd. 30 September 1967: A "ROAD RUNNER" convoy departed this organization for An Hoa transporting 5,000 gallons of Class III, 5,000 gallons of Class IIIA and 31 tons of Class V. The convoy transported one pallet of Class I to Check Point #6 and returned to Danang with one 155mm gun tube weighing 7,200 pounds and a tool cabinet weighing 200 pounds. A "ROUGH RIDER" convoy departed this organization for Hill #63 where it spent the night.