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1st Marine Division(Rein), FMP
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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

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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11th Motor Transport Battalion

A Company

B Company

C Company

Transport Company

H&S Company

1st Platoon, Company B,
5th Motor Transport
Battalion, Joined from
RLT-27 (29 Feb 1968)2nd Platoon, Company A,
1st Motor Transport
Battalion (31 Jan 1968)COMMANDER

LtCol. J. B. BROWN, Jr.

1stLt. G. R. ENGELHARD

Capt. S. J. VENO

1stLt. D. H. W. GRISWOLD

Capt. T. J. ROMANETZ

1stLt. D. P. SCHARFFENBERG

2ndLt. D. G. APGAR

1stLt. E. T. CHARBONNEAU

ATTACHED UNITS1st Platoon, Company C,
3rd Motor Transport
Battalion (18 May 1968)
(OPCON)

1stLt. B. L. LAMBIN

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2. LOCATION

1-31 May: DaNang, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. W. A. P. COX

S-2/S-3 Officer

Maj. W. A. P. COX

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt. R. H. W. GRUNWALD

S-4/Supply

1stLt. V. S. WHITE

S-5

1stLt. L. H. BARTZ

Sergeant Major

SgtMaj. R. D. PRUETT

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- (C) During the month of May the Battalion's main efforts were directed at controlling 11 separate round-trip Rough Rider convoys between Da Nang and Phu Bai. The Battalion also moved the 1st Battalion 27th Marines from Bridge Ramp to its cantonment, and moved two Battalions of the 26th Marines with supporting Artillery from the 15th Aerial Port to their respective cantonments. Throughout the month the Battalion supported the 11th Marine Regiment thru ammo resupply convoys. The Battalion supported operations Hameluke Thrust and Allen Brook by transporting numerous Infantry units.
- (U) Construction was completed on the new 500 man messhall and it is now being used.
- (U) Civil Affairs accounted for 31 Vietnamese civilians being treated at the Battalion Aid Station, with five being evacuated to the Hospital at Force Logistics Command, and two to the Dental Clinic at 11th Marine Regiment. One hundred and five G. I. cans of garbage, for pigs, were distributed. One volleyball and 1,390 plasters were donated to the new school. Two Hundred sanitation leaflets were distributed. MEDCAP treated 78 people. On 29 May a Cultural Drama was presented in conjunction with 11th Marine Regiment to 600 Vietnamese Civilians.
- (C) On 10 May two Vietnamese reported a spotting of five enemy (two carrying weapons) on the East slope of Hill #364 (AT 93257605). An ambush was set in that night. At 0600 on 11 May three people were spotted. No contact was made and there were no further sightings. About 1730 on 25 May a M54A2 5 ton cargo truck slid on a freshly oiled road, vicinity of AT 944677, and detonated a mine. The truck was destroyed and two Marines incurred minor injuries. A patrol from this Battalion received automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of AT 931765. No injuries were incurred.
- (U) This Battalion drove 132,856 miles, hauled 14,089 tons, and carried 39,689 passengers.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- (C) 1 May 1968 - Commenced control of 40 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 300330 Z Apr 68 (C)
- (C) 2 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai. Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) 3 May 1968 - Commenced control of 71 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 0114248Z May 68 (C)
- (C) 4 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai. Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) 10 May 1968 - At 101730H May 68 report received from 2 Vietnamese Nationals reporting 1 male and 2 female Vietnamese Civilians from Than Da San spotting 5 VC (2 carrying weapons). 102345H May 68, ambush arranged of 4 Marines from this Battalion and 4 PF at AT 938760 (VIC). 110600H May 68, 3 VC spotted (AT 935762)(VIC). Patrol of 3 Marines from this Battalion and 4 PF called by radio and moved into clearing at AT 934761. 3 enemy started running towards the top of Hill #364 (AT 93257605). Patrol in clearing did not see enemy. Directed by radio, gave chase for 200 meters with negative results. No weapons fired.
- (C) - Commenced control of 99 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 081407Z May 68 (C)
- (C) 11 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai. Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) 13 May 1968 - Commenced control of 50 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 110100Z May 68 (C)
- (C) 14 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai. Rough Rider terminated.

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- (C) 15 May 1968 - Commenced control of 91 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 131157Z May 68 (C)
- (C) 16 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai.
Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) - Transported 1st Battalion 27th Marines from Bridge Ramp to their cantonment.
- (C) 17 May 1968 - Commenced control of 69 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 151420Z May 68 (C)
- (C) 18 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai.
Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) - Movement of the 1st and 3rd Battalions 26th Marines, and supporting artillery, from 15th Aerial Port to their respective cantonments was commenced.
- (C) 19 May 1968 - Movement of the 26th Marines was completed.
- (C) 20 May 1968 - Commenced control of 95 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 181346Z May 68 (C)
- (C) 21 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai.
Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) 22 May 1968 - Commenced control of 75 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: Frag Order not received.
- (C) 23 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai.
Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) 24 May 1968 - Commenced control of 62 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDivO 221546Z May 68 (C)
- (C) 25 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai.
Rough Rider terminated.
- (C) - About 1730 a M54A2 5 ton cargo truck slid on freshly oiled road surface to shoulder of road and detonated a mine vicinity AT 944677. Resulted in truck being destroyed, two Marines with minor injuries.

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- (C) 26 May 1968 - 1st Battalion 26th Marines transported from their cantonment to area of operations.
 - (C) 27 May 1968 - Commenced control of 104 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDiv0 260412Z May 68 (C)
 - (C) - The 1st Battalion 27th Marines was transported to a new location, and the 3rd Battalion 27th Marines was moved to their Regiment's cantonment.
 - (C) 28 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai.
Rough Rider Terminated.
 - (C) - A patrol originating from this Battalion received automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of AT 931765. No injuries were incurred. A straw hat and box of rice was found at the site the fire came from.
 - (C) 29 May 1968 - Commenced control of 59 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDiv0 272254Z May 68 (C)
 - (C) 30 May 1968 - Convoy returned from Phu Bai.
Rough Rider terminated.
 - (C) 31 May 1968 - Commenced control of 72 vehicle Rough Rider convoy to Phu Bai.
Ref: CG, 1st MarDiv0 291542Z May 68 (C)

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