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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2

Encl: ✓(1) Eleventh Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology

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

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Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation	Commander
11th Motor Transport Battalion	
	01-12 Sep LtCol. J. A. KINNIBURGH
	13-17 Sep Maj. M. J. ZACHODNI
	18-30 Sep LtCol. W. R. KEPHART
"A" Company	1st Lt. R. S. MURRAY
"B" Company	1st Lt. A. B. LANDIS
"C" Company	1st Lt. L. A. KASSIN
Transport Company	Capt. J. M. ELIZONDO
H&S Company	Capt. R. B. TUCKER
2. Location	
01-30 September 1969, Danang, RVN	
3. Staff/Officer	
Executive Officer	01-12 Sep Maj. M. J. ZACHODNI
	13-17 Sep NONE
	18-30 Sep Maj. M. J. ZACHODNI
S-1/Adjutant	1st Lt. I. E. STINSON
S-2/S-3	1st Lt. L. G. PHILLIPS
S-4	1st Lt. W. A. TWEED
S-5	1st Lt. P. F. TARICONE
Medical Officer	Lt. W. D. BAILEY (USN)
Chaplain	Lt. M. J. HORVAT (USN)
Sergeant Major	Sgt. Maj. W. A. ROBERTS

4. Average In-Country Strength

	USMC
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>

22 476

	USN
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>

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Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(a) During the month of September, thirty-three (33) convoys were run to An Hoa in support of the Fifth Marine Regiment. There were also twelve (12) R&R runs to the Stack Arms R&R Center. The units transported to the R&R site were from the First, Fifth and Seventh Marine Regiments. In addition to the An Hoa Convoys and R&R runs, convoys were conducted to provide logistical support and replacement troops to Division Infantry Units. The Battalion's M-116A1 Marginal Terrain Vehicles were being used in logistical support roles at the Danang Barrier and the Fifth, Seventh and Twenty-Sixth Marine Regiments. On 11 September, a Change of Command Ceremony was held. Maj. M. J. ZACHODNI accepted the Command of 11th Motor Transport Battalion from LtCol. J. A. KINNIBURGH. On 18 September 1969, LtCol. W. R. KEPHART reported aboard, assumed command and informally relieved Maj. M. J. ZACHODNI as the Commanding Officer.

(b) Civil Affairs provided two-hundred (200) barrels of pig food to the Khanh-Son Hamlet for the feeding of pigs. Approximately twenty-seven (27) Vietnamese were treated at the Battalion Aid Station. In addition, six (6) dental cases were treated. MedCaps were conducted at the Khanh-Son Hamlet. Approximately four-hundred-fifty (450) Vietnamese were treated by the 11th Motor Transport Battalion MedCap Team. Lt. W. D. BAILEY also made several emergency calls to villagers unable to be treated at the Battalion Aid Station. On 25 September, candy and chewing gum were distributed to the children of Khanh-Son in accordance with the celebrating of "Children's Day" throughout the Danang area.

(c) During September, 11th Motor Transport Battalion vehicles traveled 119,297 miles, carried 15,458 tons of cargo and hauled 26,120 troops.

Part III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF EVENTS

01 Sep Conducted an eleven (11) truck convoy moving Golf Company, Second Battalion Fifth Marines from An Hoa to the Stack Arms R&R Center.

1-2 Sep Conducted a twenty-five (25) truck convoy transporting equipment to LZ Baldy in support of the Seventh Marine Regiment.

1-2-3 Sep Conducted a twelve (12) truck convoy shuttling troops to and from the Stack Arms R&R Center in support of the Fifth Marine Regiment.

05 Sep Conducted a ten (10) truck convoy returning troops to Third Battalion Fifth Marines at An Hoa from the Stack Arms R&R Center.

06 Sep Ambush patrol killed three (3) NVA Soldiers and captured one (1) AK-47, one (1) AK-50, one (1) RPG Launcher and miscellaneous clothing and equipment.

12 Sep Maj. M. J. ZACHODNI relieved LtCol. J. A. KIRKINBURGH as Battalion Commander.

12 Sep Brig. Gen. ROBERTSON visited the 11th Motors Cantonment.

15 Sep Conducted a thirteen (13) truck convoy moving troops from Third Battalion First Marines to the Stack Arms R&R Center.

17 Sep Conducted a thirteen (13) truck convoy hauling Third Battalion First Marine troops from the Stack Arms R&R Center to Hill 37.

18 Sep LtCol. W. R. KEPHART assumed command of the Battalion informally relieving Maj. M. J. ZACHODNI as the Commanding Officer.

20 Sep Conducted a ten (10) truck convoy carrying troops from Third Battalion First Marines to the stack Arms R&R Center.

21 Sep Conducted an eleven (11) truck convoy carrying troops from Third Battalion First Marines to the R&R Center.

23 Sep Conducted a ten (10) truck convoy returning Third Battalion First Marines troops from Stack Arms R&R Center to Hill 37.

24 Sep Conducted an eleven (11) truck convoy returning Third Battalion First Marines troops from the Stack Arms R&R Center to Hill 37.

24-25 Sep Conducted a ten (10) truck convoy hauling supplies to LZ Ross in support of Second Battalion Seventh Marines.

25 Sep Conducted a six (6) truck convoy hauling replacements from the Third Marine Division to LZ Baldy.

- Conducted an eight (8) truck convoy from Fifteenth Aerial Port throughout the First Marine Division TAOR hauling replacements to various First Marine Division units.

- Conducted a six (6) truck convoy hauling troops from Fifteenth Aerial Port to Division billeting areas and Hill 55

26 Sep Conducted an eleven (11) truck convoy carrying troops from the Stack Arms R&R Center to Hill 37 in support of Third Battalion First Marines.

- Conducted a twelve (12) truck convoy shuttling replacements from Third Marine Division to LZ Baldy and Hill 55.

27 Sep Conducted a ten (10) truck convoy hauling replacements from Third Marine Division to An Hoa.