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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Motor Transport Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FWF

COMMANDER

C. C. KSYCEWSKI, LtCol
1-31 March 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS: None ATTACHED UNITS: None

2. LOCATION

1-31 March 1968, Gia Le Combat Base

3. STAFF OFFICERS

COMMANDING OFFICER	LtCol C. C. KSYCEWSKI	1-31Mar68
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Maj B. M. FLOYD	1-31Mar68
SERGEANT MAJOR	SgtMaj B. E. FORD	1-31Mar68
S-1/ADJ/LEGAL O	1stLt I. D. MORRISON	1-31Mar68
S-3	Capt R. E. MANUEL	1-31Mar68
S-4/Supply	1stLt R. M. HOBSON	1-31Mar68
S-5	1stLt R. HILL III	1-31Mar68
COMM O	1stLt L. A. SATHER	1-31Mar68

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY

COMMANDING OFFICER	1stLt R. NORFLEET	1-31Mar68
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COMPANY A

COMMANDING OFFICER	1stLt K. M. DOLAN	1-31Mar68
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COMPANY B

COMMANDING OFFICER	Capt J. O. DAVIS	1-31Mar68
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COMPANY C

COMMANDING OFFICER	1stLt J. F. MADDEN	1-31Mar68
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
16	290	1	5

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

First Motor Transport Battalion performed routine logistical tasks within the Phu Bai/Task Force X-Ray TACR and provided vehicle support for the displacement/relocation of 1st Bn, 1st Marines, 1st Bn, 5th Marines, and 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines upon the termination of OPERATION HUE CITY and during OPERATION FORD, OPERATION HOUSTON and OPERATION PEGASUS.

Utilizing 92% of the available vehicles, a total of 40,861 miles were driven, transporting 24,392 troops and 982 tons of cargo.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of thirty (30) task vehicles and two (2) administrative vehicles departed 1st MTFBn CP at 0830. Convoy arrived and loaded troops at Hue City Stadium at 1400. Convoy then continued to and arrived at the Rock Crusher (Nam Hoa) at 1800.
- 4 March 1968- Same convoy departed Nam Hoa Rock Crusher at 0800 for Hue City Stadium where troops of 1st Bn, 5th Marines were to be moved south. En route, one (1) company of 1st Bn, 5th Marines was returned to their Regiment CP. Remainder of troops continued to 1st Bn, 5th Marines CP. Primary element of convoy returned to 1st MTFBn CP at 1400. Secondary element returned to 1st MTFBn CP at 1600. Security consisted of thirty-eight (38) troops of 1st Bn, 5th Marines, two (2) Forward Observers of "A" and "C" Company, 1st Bn, 5th Marines, two (2) Forward Air Control of "A" and "C" Company, 1st Bn, 5th Marines. The sweep team was from 1st Engineer Bn.
- 5 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of twenty (20) task vehicles and two (2) administrative vehicles departed 1st MTFBn CP at 0830. Convoy picked up three-hundred and twenty-five (325) troops of 1st Bn, 5th Marines and transported them to Cao Doi. Convoy then transported two (2) companies of 1st Bn, 5th Marines further south; one (1) company to Lang Co Bridge and one (1) company to the Hai Van Pass. Convoy then made liaison with a 101st Airborne Division element and loaded at Red Beach at 1900.
- 6 March 1968- Same convoy started north at 1100 and picked up three (3) Companies of the 101st Airborne Division located at Hai Van Pass and Lang Co Bridge. Convoy returned to 1st MTFBn CP at 1700. Security consisted of forty (40) troops from 1st Bn, 5th Marines, two (2) Forward Observers and two (2) Forward Air Controls from 1st Bn, 5th Marines.

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- 10 March 1968- A "B" Company convoy consisting of sixteen (16) task vehicles departed 1st MFBn CP at 0830 and arrived at Hue City to pick up two-hundred and fifty (250) troops of 1st Bn, 1st Marines and return them to Phu Bai. Two (2) vehicles returned and picked up 106mm Recoilless Rifles. Convoy returned to 1st MFBn at 1500 the same day.
- 10 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of twenty-three (23) task vehicles departed 1st MFBn CP at 0730 and proceeded to Phu Gia. Convoy transported 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines gear and forty (40) troops to the New 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines location in Phu Bai. Convoy returned to 1st MFBn CP at 1915 the same day.
- 10 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of twenty-six (26) task vehicles and two (2) administrative vehicles departed the 1st MFBn CP at 0930 and proceeded to Hue City where "G", "H" and H&S Companies of 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines plus attached elements of the 1st Marines were embarked on vehicles. Convoy left Hue City with two-hundred and fifty (250) troops at 1430. Convoy proceeded to Phu Bai where one (1) vehicle was unloaded. Convoy then proceeded 1000 meters south to Check Point twelve (12) where "G" Company left convoy. Convoy proceeded to vicinity south of Check Point seventy-two (72) where "H" Company left convoy. Remaining troops disembarked one-thousand (1000) meters north of Check Point fourteen (14). Convoy then returned to 1st MFBn CP at 2130 the same day.
- 11 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of twenty (20) task vehicles departed the 1st MFBn CP at 0720. Convoy proceeded to the 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines area north of Check Point five (5). Convoy hauled the remainder of 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines gear from old area to new area in Phu Bai. Convoy returned to 1st MFBn CP at 1745 the same day.
- 11 March 1968- A "B" Company vehicle recovery convoy consisting of twenty-four (24) task vehicles, two (2) 40mm (Dusters) tanks, two (2) ontos, and forty (40) security troops departed the Task Force X-Ray CP at 0930 for the purpose of recovering vehicles abandoned during a previous ambush on Route 547 (Nam Hoa area). Convoy received unknown number of mortar rounds at YD 779201 and small arms fire at same area. Did not return fire--no targets. Retrieved four (4) M422, one (1) M54, one (1) M105, four (4) TD15, two (2) Dusters and six (6) M35 (one belonging to 1st MFBn). Convoys returned to the 1st MFBn CP at 1830 the same day.

- 13 March 1968- A "B" Company convoy consisting of twelve (12) task vehicles departed the 1st MFBn CP at 0930 and proceeded to the Rock Crusher (Nam Hoa). Convoy picked up one (1) M54, three (3) M35A2C, two (2) M109, and one (1) Dumptruck. Security for convoy consisted of twenty-six (26) men of "C" Company, 1st Bn, 1st Marines and sweep team from 9th Engineer Bn. All vehicles were returned to parent units. Convoy returned to 1st MFBn CP at 1645 the same day.
- 13 March 1968- Four (4) OPTERS from 11th MFBn arrived at 1st MFBn CP for OPERATION FORD.
- 13 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of twenty (20) task vehicles departed 1st MFBn CP at 2030 and proceeded to Phu Bai. Remained over night.
- 14 March 1968- At 0730, same convoy picked up four-hundred and fifty troops of "C" and "D" Companies, 1st Bn, 1st Marines and proceeded to MAG thirty-six (36) where troops were to be air lifted into OPERATION FORD. Convoy remained on standby for three (3) hours in reserve for 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines. Convoy was released and returned to 1st MFBn CP at 1500 on the same day.
- 27 March 1968- 1st Platoon "A" Company chopped OPCON to 1st Marines in support of OPERATION PEGASUS.
- 28 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of twenty-three (23) task vehicles and eight (8) administrative vehicles departed the 1st MFBn CP at 0930 for Phu Bai. Convoy departed Phu Bai carrying "F" Company 2nd Bn, twenty-seventh Marines to Check Point 27. At Check Points thirty and twenty-seven, convoy picked up "C" Company, "B" Company and S-4 of 1st Bn 5th Marines and returned them to Phu Bai. Convoy then went under control of 11th MFBn for pre-loading for 29 Mar 68 convoy. Security consisted of twenty-four (24) troops of "C" Company 1st Bn, 5th Marines. Two (2) tons of troop supplies were carried.
- 29 March 1968- A "C" Company convoy consisting of thirty-one (31) task vehicles departed 1st MFBn CP at 1230 and came under control of 11th MFBn. Convoy proceeded to Dong Ha, transporting "A", "B" Company and elements of Bn Headquarters of 1st Bn 1st Marines.
- 30 March 1968- Same convoy departed Dong Ha at 1115 for Ca Lu via Highway #9. Convoy reached Ca Lu without incident. Remained over night at this location.

- 31 March 1968- A "B" Company convoy consisting of six (6) task vehicles and one (1) administrative vehicle departed 1st MFBn CP at 1600. Convoy transported Delta Company 2nd Bn, 27th Marines from Phu Bai airfield to coordinates YD 780254 and returned to airfield. Security consisted of eighteen (18) troops from Delta Company, 2nd Bn, 27th Marines; one (1) Forward Observer and two (2) Forward Air Controls.
- 31 March 1968- A "B" Company convoy consisting of eleven (11) task vehicles and three (3) administrative vehicles departed 1st MFBn CP at 1815. Convoy transported "B" Company 1st Bn, 27th Marines from Phu Bai airfield to coordinated YD 808190. Security consisted of eighteen (18) troops from "B" Company 1st Bn 27th Marines; one (1) Forward Observer and two (2) Forward Air Controls.
- 1 April 1968- The "C" Company from 29 March 1968 departed Da Lu at 1800 for Dong Ha. Convoy arrived at Dong Ha at 2130 without incident. Remained overnight at this location.
- 2 April 1968- Same convoy departed Dong Ha at 1110 for Phu Bai and arrived without incident. Convoy consisted of eighty-five (85) task vehicles, thirty-one (31) of which were from 1st MFBn. Security consisted of forty (40) troops from "A" Company 1st Bn, 1st Marines. 1st MFBn vehicles transported six hundred (600) troops

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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