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Encl: (1) Part I, Organizational Data
(2) Part II, Narrative Summary
(3) Part III, Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosures (1), (2) and (3), this letter is unclassified.

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Units and Locations

- a. Phu-Bai Vital Area - 3dMTBn Hq
 H&SCo (-)
 Co A
 Co B (Rein)
 2d Plt (-), Co B, 9thMTBn (8 M-54's)
 Co C (-) (Rein)
 Undesignated Plt from BLT 3/4
- b. Phong-Dien (FREMONT)
 3d Plt, Co C (-) (Rein) (OPCON 4th Marines)
- c. Nam Hoa (CUMBERLAND)
 3d Plt, Co C (-)
- d. Dong Ha Combat Base
 Det, H&SCo (2 Otters) (OPCON 9thMTBn)

2. Commanding Officer and Staff

Major R. F. ARMSTRONG	Commanding Officer
Major W. O. DAY	Executive Officer
WO1 R. R. DOOL	S-1/Adjutant
Capt P. H. WEBERLING	S-3
2dLt R. G. HANSLITS	S-4
1stLt E. H. DUPRE III (through 6 Aug 67)	Co Cmdr, H&SCo
1stLt L. D. LEE (effective 7 Aug 67)	Co Cmdr, H&SCo
2dLt G. R. WADE	Co Cmdr, Co "A"
1stLt G. I. STOCKSTILL (through 6 Aug 67)	Co Cmdr, Co "B"
Capt D. P. FLOOD (effective 7 Aug 67)	Co Cmdr, Co "B"
Capt P. E. SULLIVAN (through 8 Aug 67)	Co Cmdr, Co "C"
1stLt R. M. THACHER (effective 9 Aug 67)	Co Cmdr, Co "C"
SgtMaj J. G. HARTMAN	Bn SgtMaj.

3. Average Monthly Strength

- a. 20 Officers, 301 enlisted, 8 USN enlisted.
- b. 40 Enlisted & 1 Officer OPCON from 2d Plt (-) Co "B", 9thMTBn

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PART II -- NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Operations.

a. During the month of August the Battalion continued its mission of providing direct support for the 3d Marine Division. Principal activity centered on our daily resupply convoys to Operations CUMBERLAND and FREMONT.

b. 8 Rough Rider convoys were conducted to Dong Ha.

c. 62 Road Runner resupply convoys were conducted to the Phong Dien Operating Area.

d. 62 Road Runner resupply convoys were conducted to the CUMBERLAND Operating Area.

e. Daily commitments for the month averaged 76 percent of on hand task vehicles.

(1) 157,747 miles were driven.

(2) 7,368 tons of cargo were transported.

(3) 33,508 personnel were transported.

f. 13 incidents involving enemy action occurred. These incidents resulted in injuries to 9 members of the Battalion and loss or damage to 7 vehicles.

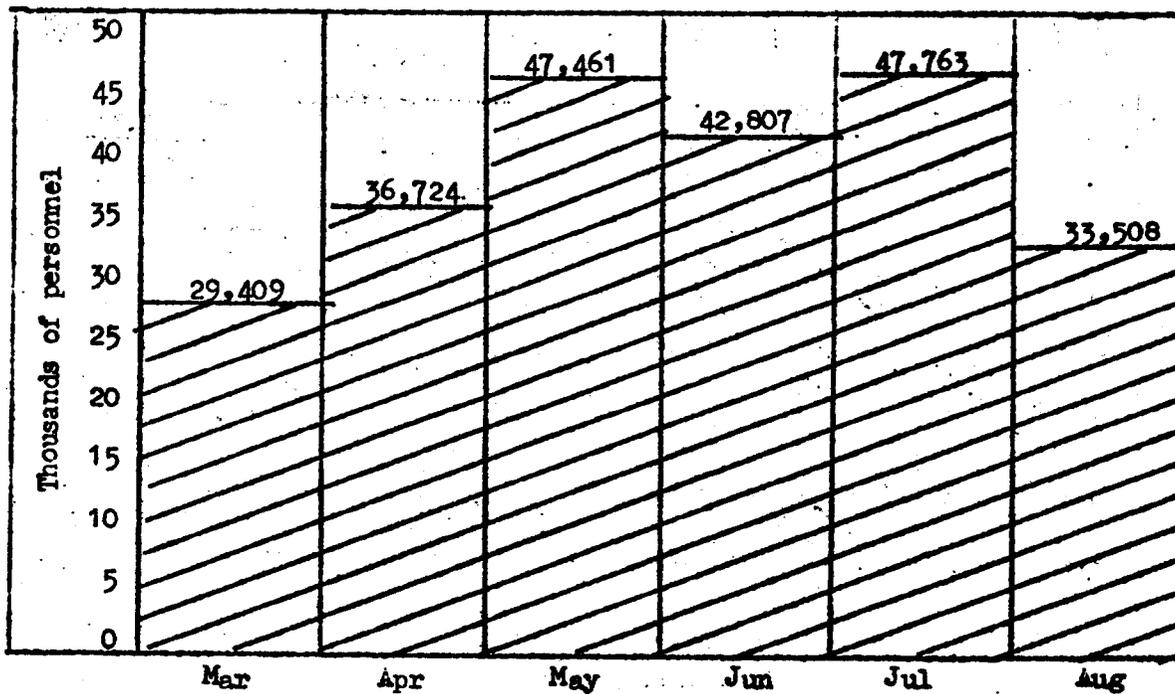
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a. The average daily availability of task vehicles for the month was 80 percent.

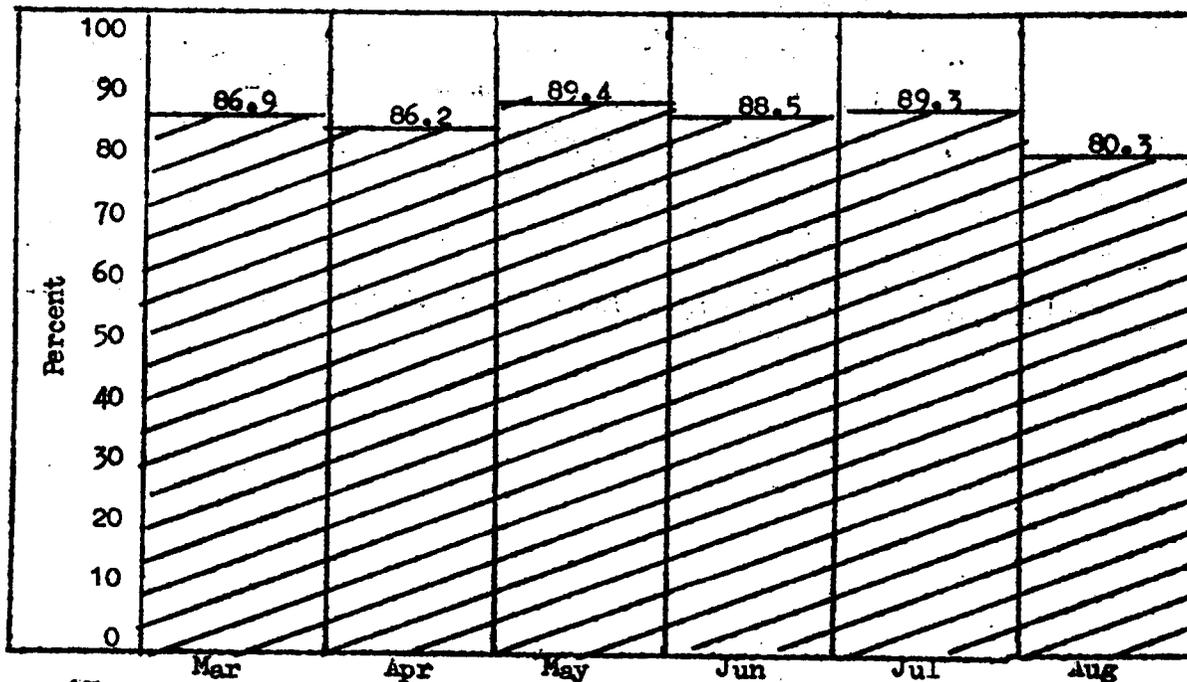
b. Third Marine Division requested information on what was necessary to facilitate night-shift maintenance for 3d Motor Transport Battalion. Accordingly, a study was conducted to make this determination. It is concluded that as a minimum, the cantonment area should be re-wired and a larger generator be obtained.

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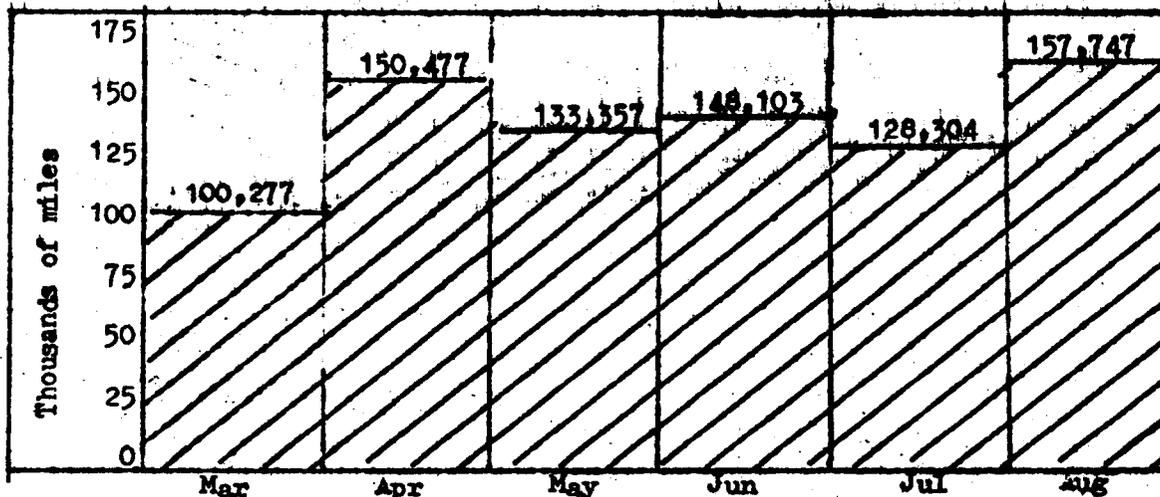
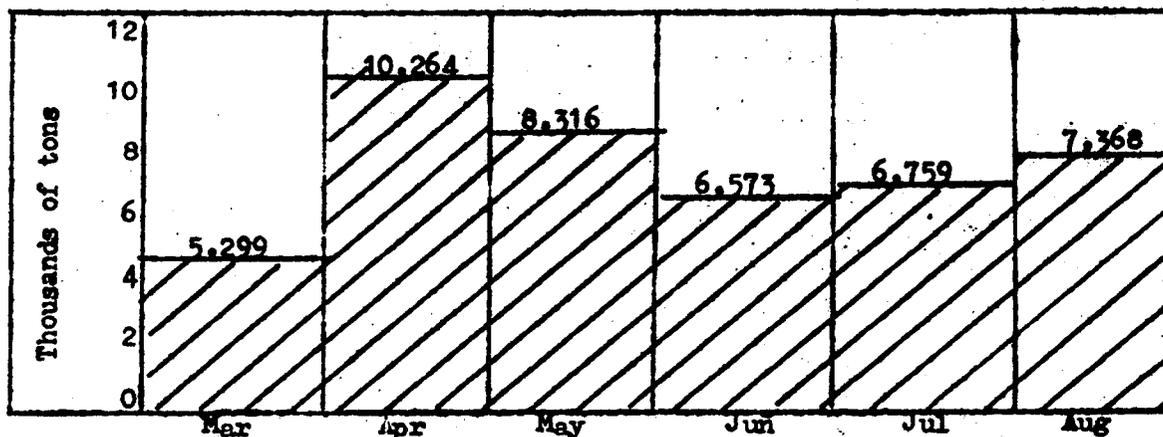
TASK VEHICLE AVAILABILITY RATE



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3. The following graphs reflect significant operational and maintenance data for the past six month period.

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a. English classes were held on 7 August at Diem-Tu and are now being conducted five times each week. The teachers have all attended a Vietnamese language school and are turning out to be very effective. The average attendance is now 80 students per class.

b. Construction was begun on an additional one-classroom school at Diem-Tu.

c. 753 Vietnamese were treated by the Battalion MEDCAP Team at Diem-Tu.

d. 400 sheets of tin, 100 bags of cement and 3 truck loads of lumber were delivered to Diem Tu for the construction of houses and schools.

e. 35 pounds of clothing were distributed to 50 Vietnamese and 404 bars of soap were distributed to 724 civilians of Diem-Tu.

f. 5 Vietnamese civilians were hired from Diem-Tu to perform manual labor in the battalion area.

5. Psychological Warfare Program.

a. The Battalion continued its distribution of leaflets along routes of march. In addition, posters proclaiming rewards for turning in mines and/or their location to USMC personnel were posted on village and hamlet bulletin boards along routes of march. Leaflets were also distributed on a hand to hand basis.

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PART III - SEQUENTIAL LISTING

- 2 Aug- While transporting H/2/26 to their ambush site, a 3dMTBn convoy came upon concertina that was stretched across the road. The wire belonged to a Combined Action Platoon located in the area. During an attempt to remove the wire, an explosion occurred, followed by one grenade and small arms fire. The convoy commander (Lt. H. C. JACKSON) received shrapnel wounds in the chest and Sgt. W. R. BOISSONNEAULT received wounds of the right knee resulting in an above knee amputation. This action was later determined to be non-hostile.
- 6 Aug- "Rough Riders" 69-67 and 70-67 were conducted from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha and return. The mission was to move 3d Medical Battalion vehicles to Dong Ha and return a 9thMTBn truck company to Phu-Bai. 151 personnel and 118 tons of cargo were transported. The convoy consisted of 66 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. G. R. WADE.
- 7 Aug- As a 40 vehicle 3dMTBn convoy was enroute to Phu-Bai traveling SE on Highway #1, an M-35A2C, the 15th vehicle in the column, detonated a small mine resulting in 6 flat tires to the vehicle. After replacing the tires, the vehicle was able to continue under its own power. The convoy then continued its mission.
- 11 Aug- In response to a request from 2d Battalion, 26 Marines, 12 vehicles were dispatched to move troops from the Division Command Post to CAP H-6 and CAP H-3. The convoy was conducted with no incidents reported.
- 13 Aug- On the daily resupply convoy to the Cumberland OA, the lead vehicle detonated a mine resulting in heavy damage to the front end of the vehicle. In the same area, another vehicle detonated a mine resulting in the same type of damage. The wrecker, while going to the aid of the disabled vehicles, detonated another mine resulting in damage to the rear of the vehicle. Injuries were sustained by four members of the Battalion, none of which were serious. Cpl. M. D. LAFOLLETTE, Cpl. V. A. EMERY, LCpl T. K. CHRISTIAN and PFC C. E. NIMMO each received slight concussions from the blast. 9 Vietnamese civilians were apprehended in the area where the incident occurred. The engineer sweep team determined the mines to be of M-1A type. Security was left with the disabled vehicles and a wrecker was dispatched to pull them back to the Battalion motor pool.
- 14 Aug- "Rough Riders" 71-67 and 72-67 was conducted from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha and return. The mission was to move FLSG-A trucks and supplies to FLSU-1 and Division Clubs and FX merchandise from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha. 363 personnel and 118 tons of cargo were transported. The convoy consisted of 97 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. G. R. WADE.

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- 16 Aug- The Battalion S-3 received word from the Division G-2 that there was a possibility of the road between Phu-Bai and Hue being heavily mined. Accordingly, the daily resupply convoys were delayed allowing the sweep team to make a sweep over the suspected area. No mines were detected and the convoys went on their routes of march with no incidents reported.
- 17 Aug- On the daily resupply convoy to the Cumberland OA, a 2½ ton M-35A2C detonated a mine in the bed of the road. As a result, Pvt B. E. GRIMMINGER received a slight concussion. Prior to the incident the area had been swept by engineers and traveled by numerous vehicles. It is interesting to note that this mining incident occurred at the same location where four other vehicles were damaged by mines on 13 August.
- 18 Aug- "Rough Rider" 73-67 was conducted from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha. The mission was to move 8th Battalion, 4th Artillery from Gia Le to Dong Ha. 550 personnel and 280 tons of cargo were transported. The convoy consisted of 132 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. B. R. WADE.
- 19 Aug- "Rough Rider" 74-67 departed Dong Ha at 0845H on the return trip to Phu-Bai. 220 personnel and 49 tons of cargo were transported.
- 19 Aug- A 3dMTBn vehicle, while transporting a mine sweep detail, detonated what appeared to be a 105mm round with a pressure type fuse. The vehicle sustained damage to the left front tire. Cpl H. F. WAIZENEGGER, the driver of the vehicle, received a concussion of both ears.
- 19 Aug- The daily resupply convoy to Cumberland received 8-10 rounds of SAF, one RPG and one grenade from an estimated 6-8 VC on the south side of the main supply route. The RPG and grenade landed 25 meters from the vehicles. Tanks and convoy security returned fire and called in an artillery mission on the suspected area. There were no casualties sustained and no vehicles damaged. The convoy then continued its mission.
- 20 Aug- While returning from the forward fire support base at CUMBERLAND, a 3dMTBn convoy received SAF from an estimated 4 VC. The second tank in the column was hit by an RPG round near the turret, wounding 5 Marines from 3d Tank Battalion. Small arms fire was returned by the convoy security and artillery was called in on the suspected area.
- 21 Aug- While the daily Cumberland resupply convoy was enroute to the forward fire support base, one truck belonging to 1st FAG was destroyed by an RPG round from the north side of the supply route. The reactionary force from 2/2/C/1/4 was employed to out flank the enemy. An artillery mission was called in on the suspected area and the convoy continued to the forward fire support base, leaving security with the damaged vehicle.

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- 22 Aug- While on the daily resupply convoy to Camp Evans, the sweep team found a 60mm mortar round in the roadway. The round was rigged to be wire detonated. The engineer team blew the round in place and the motor march continued its mission.
- 23 Aug- While on the daily resupply convoy to CUMBERLAND, one 6X6 was hit by an RPG round which completely destroyed the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, LCpl G. M. DUNN, and two infantrymen who were riding security received wounds and were immediately evacuated to "A" Med.
- 25 Aug- "Rough Riders" 75-67 and 76-67 were conducted from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha and return. The mission was to transport FLSG-A supplies, Division PX and Division Clubs merchandise from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha. 137 personnel and 81 tons of cargo were transported. The convoy consisted of 40 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. G. R. WADE.
- 28 Aug- While the daily Cumberland resupply convoy was enroute to the forward fire support base, one truck belonging to 3d Engineer Battalion was destroyed by an RPG round that hit the left rear of the cab causing it to immediately catch on fire. The driver was unable to get out of the burning vehicle, resulting one USMC KIA. Security personnel detonated an explosive device while enroute to the burning truck and received light small arms fire. No casualties resulted from the explosion or small arms fire.
- 30 Aug- During the mortar attack apparently directed at MAG-16, 3dMTBn received fragmentations from 6-8 mortar rounds that landed near the troop living area. 2 Marines were treated for wounds at the Battalion Aid Station and then forwarded to "A" Med. The Battalion received negligible structural damage.