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(2) Part II, Narrative Summary
(3) Part III, Sequential Listing of Significant Events

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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)

b. Phong-Dien (FREMONT)

1st Plt, Co A (-) (Rein) (OPCON 4th Marines)

c. Nam Hoa (CUMBERLAND)

1st Plt, Co A (-)

d. Dong Ha Combat Base

Det, H&SCo (2 Otters) (OPCON 9thMTBn)

2. Commanding Officer and Staff

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|---|---|
| Major R. F. ARMSTRONG | Commanding Officer |
| Capt P. H. WEBERLING (through 29 Jul 67) | Executive Officer |
| Major W. O. DAY (effective 30 Jul 67) | Executive Officer |
| 2dLt V. I. HEAP (through 11 Jul 67) | S-1/Adjutant |
| WO1 R. R. DOOL (effective 12 Jul 67) | S-1/Adjutant |
| 1stLt R. M. THACHER (through 29 Jul 67) | S-3 |
| Capt P. H. WEBERLING (effective 30 Jul 67) | S-3 |
| 1stLt J. T. KEEL (through 30 Jul 67) | S-4 |
| 2dLt R. G. HANSLITS (effective 31 Jul 67) | S-4 |
| 2dLt G. R. WADE (through 7 Jul 67) | Co Cmdr, H&SCo |
| 1stLt E. H. DUPRE III (effective 8 Jul 67) | Co Cmdr, H&SCo |
| 1stLt E. H. DUPRE III (through 7 Jul 67) | Co Cmdr, Co"A" |
| 2dLt G. R. WADE (effective 8 Jul 67) | Co Cmdr, Co"A" |
| 1stLt G. I. STOCKSTILL | Co Cmdr, Co"B" |
| Capt P. E. SULLIVAN | Co Cmdr, Co"C" |
| SgtMaj R. C. BROWN (through 23 Jul 67) | Bn SgtMaj. |
| SgtMaj J. G. HARTMAN (effective 24 Jul 67) | Bn SgtMaj. |

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. 23 Officers, 325 enlisted, 8 USN enlisted.

b. 10 Enlisted OPCON from 2d Plt (-) Co"B", 9thMTBn.



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## PART II -- NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Operations.

a. During the month of July 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. It is interesting to note that in less than 48 hours the hastily composed composite truck unit transported approximately 2,100 Vietnamese civilians and 187 tons of household goods from Ap Dong Ho to Quang Dien. Personnel were drawn from all companies with the majority being supplied by the Otter Platoon of H&S Company.

c. 6 Rough Rider convoys were conducted.

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

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

f. Daily commitments for the month average 72 percent of on hand task vehicles.

(1) 128,304 miles were driven.

(2) 6,759 tons of cargo were transported.

(3) 47,763 personnel were transported.

g. 6 incidents involving enemy action occurred. These incidents resulted in the death of LCpl J. ALFONSA, injuries to 2 other members of the Battalion and loss or damage to 2 vehicles.

2. Maintenance

a. The average daily availability of task vehicles for the month was 89 percent.

b. A decrease in rivet failure on the M-35A2C cargo trucks was noted during the month of July. 15 rivet failures were reported compared to 37 during the month of June. All failures were repaired by replacing the broken rivet with a nut and bolt.

c. 14 vehicles were repaired by field maintenance during the month. Average turn-around-time was 13 days each.

d. The 4 task vehicles in field maintenance as of the end of the month have been in an average of 58 days each.



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

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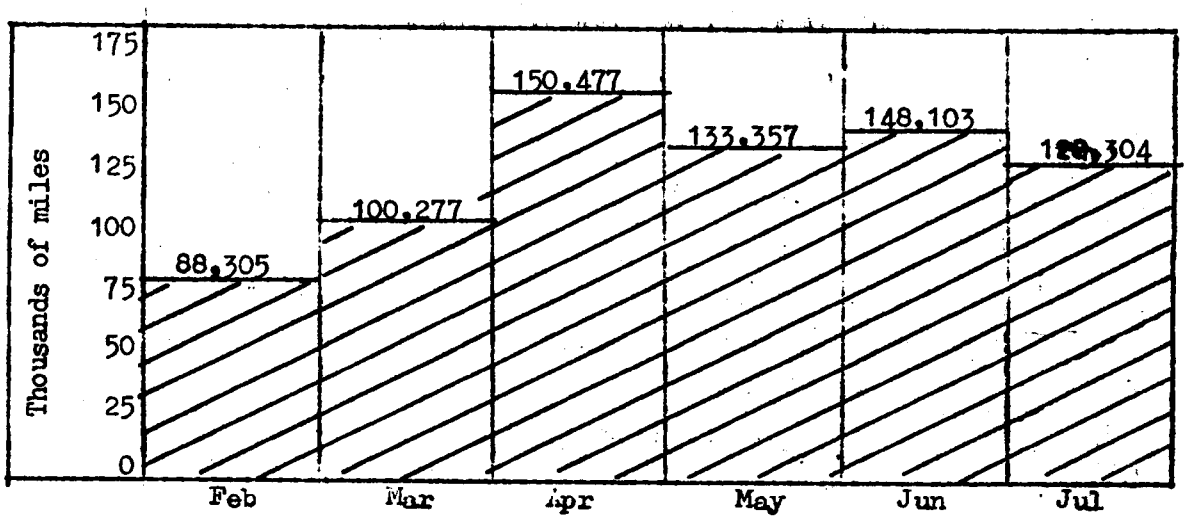


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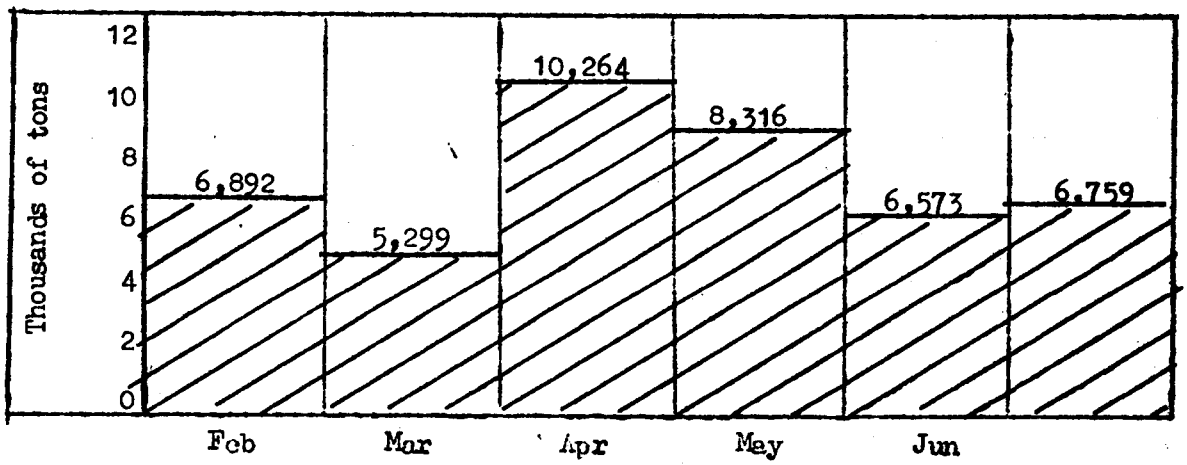

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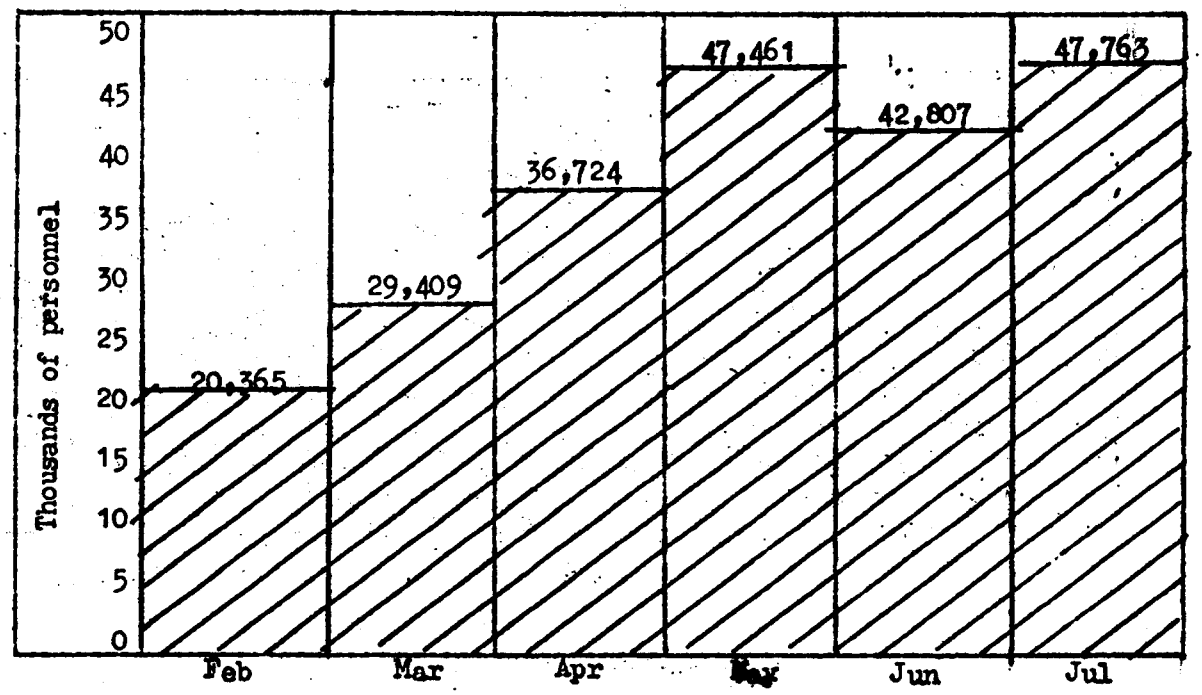
PERSONNEL TRANSPORTED

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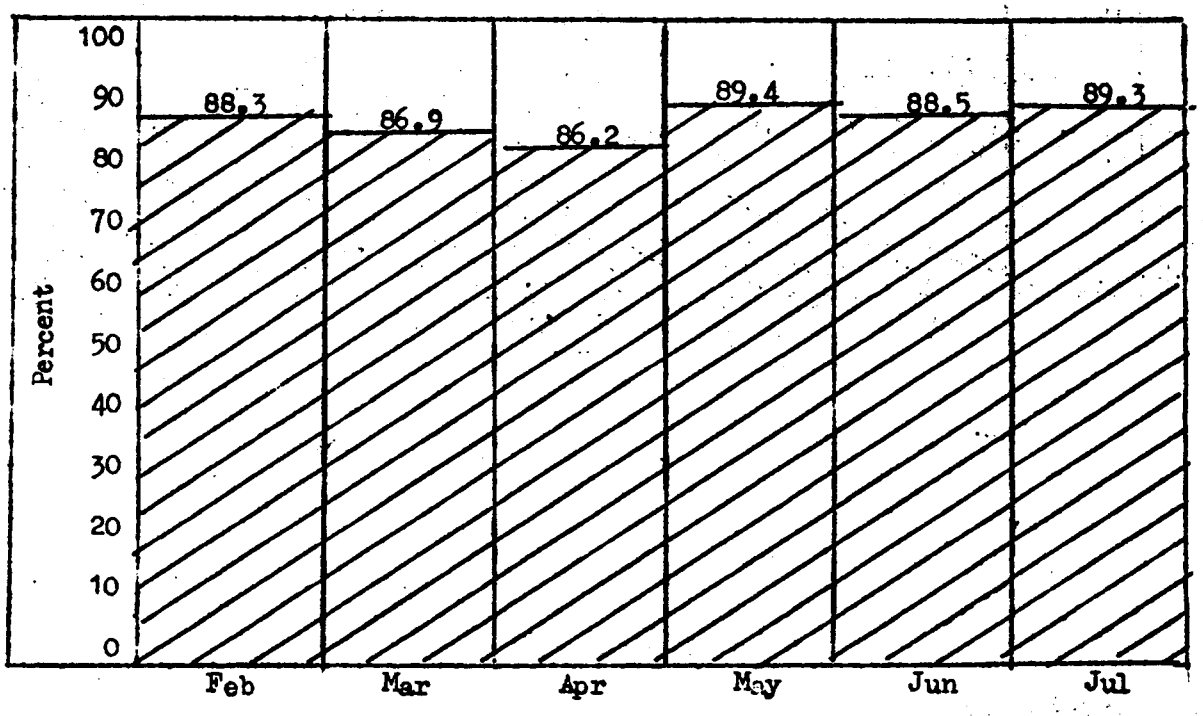




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4. Administration. As a result of the Otters being placed on administrative deadline, 20 members of the Otter Platoon were temporarily intergrated into "A" and "C" Companies to be utilized as cargo truck operators until the monsoon season begins.

5. Civil Affairs

a. 3d Motor Transport Battalion began a new MEDCAP program on 6 July 1967, treating patients in Diem-Tu Hamlet three times weekly. During the month of July over 600 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

b. All of the tin and wood from the former mess hall and an old supply warehouse was contributed to the refugees of Diem-Tu Hamlet. This material was used by the refugees to build additional homes in the hamlet.

c. 600 sheets of USAID tin was distributed to the families of Diem-Tu. Each family received 10 sheets of tin for the roofs of their homes.

d. Arrangements were made to have members of the Battalion begin English classes in August. The English instructors have attended Vietnamese language school and should prove effective as English teachers.

e. All masonry work was completed on the 5 classroom school during July. However, wood is not available at this time for the window frames and door jambs.

f. Arrangements were made with the district Health Chief to submit a requisition to the Government of Vietnam for a small dispensary to be built in Diem-Tu.

6. 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

5 Jul- In response to an immediate request from 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines, 10 vehicles were dispatched to move troops from Division Command Post to CAP H-6. During the movement a truck hit a mine resulting in minor damage to the vehicle. The vehicle operator received minor wounds and was treated by attached corpsman. Security was left with the vehicle until a wrecker, security and a replacement vehicle arrived at the location. The remaining vehicles continued mission.

7 Jul- 46 trucks were dispatched to the Cumberland Operation Area to extract elements of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines from the field. Three letter companies and the Command group were transported to the Phu-Bai air freight terminal where they were immediately air lifted to Dong Ha. Lt. G. I. STOCKSTILL was convoy commander.

10 Jul- "Rough Rider" 65-67 was conducted from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha to transport organic cargo for FLSG-A. 136 personnel and 92 tons of cargo were transported. The convoy consisted of 52 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. G. I. STOCKSTILL.

11 Jul- "Rough Rider" 66-67 was conducted from Dong Ha to Phu-Bai to transport organic cargo for FLSG-A. During the motor march the "Rough Rider" came upon an ARVN 6X6 that had detonated a mine in the roadway. One ARVN was killed and one sustained a broken leg. The convoy commander had the Engineer team sweep the roadway and as a result, a Russian anti-tank mine was discovered. Attached EOD team disarmed, recovered and retained the mine. Corpsman splinted the ARVN's broken leg and delivered him to medical aid in Quang-Tri. The convoy continued without further incident. 151 personnel and 83 tons of cargo were transported. The convoy consisted of 50 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. G. I. STOCKSTILL.

13 Jul- "Rough Riders" 67-67 and 68-67 was conducted from Phu-Bai to Dong Ha and return. The mission was to transport ammunition for the Ammo Supply Point. 165 personnel and 78 tons of cargo were transported. The convoy consisted of 66 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. G. I. STOCKSTILL.

16 Jul- While fulfilling an urgent night troop movement from 2nd Battalion, 26th Marine's Command Post to CAP H-2 the convoy came upon a platoon of ARVN's who warned that a large amount of VC were ahead and on the right side of the road. Security personnel were deployed in defensive positions. Automatic weapons fire toward CAP H-2 was observed. Two attached quad .50's fired 600 rounds in the area where the hostile fire was originating and the firing ceased immediately. CAP and PF personnel deployed in front of the convoy and the mission was continued.

16 Jul- Scheduled "Rough Rider" to Dong Ha was canceled due to the fact that a vital bridge was destroyed on the route of march. Subsequently, 9th Motor Transport Battalion moved 1st Battalion, 4th Marines to Phong Dien. Accordingly, 3d Motor Transport Battalion departed Phu-Bai with a 55 vehicle convoy to rendezvous with 9thMTBn at Phong Dien (Operation FREMONT).



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17 Jul- Third Motor Transport Battalion convoy arrived at Phong Dien and began to transport 200 personnel from 1/4 to the Cumberland OA. The convoy consisted of 59 vehicles and was commanded by Lt. G. I. STOCKSTILL.

19 Jul- During a daily resupply convoy to Operation CUMBERLAND a 3dMTBn M-35A2C was damaged beyond repair by a RPG-2 recoilless anti-tank weapon resulting in the death of LCpl J. ALFONSA who was manning the .50 caliber Machine Gun. PFC R. F. BYERS Jr., the vehicle operator was critically wounded and immediately med-evaced.

19 Jul- The Battalion Commander,(Major R. F. ARMSTRONG), along with a trail maintenance group received AW/SAF from an estimated 15 VC during an attemp to retrieve the damaged vehicle. Fire was returned with undertermined results. The trail maintenance team then completed its mission.

22 Jul- In order to move an unknown amount of displaced civilians from Ap Dong Ho to Quang Dien, the Battalion furnished 10 vehicles and 17 personnel to form a composite truck unit. The unit was commanded by Lt. N. W. REILLY.

22 Jul- Upon entering Ap Dong Ho the CTU found the civilians and their belongings lined alongside the road, anxious to leave the area. The unit immediately began loading civilians and their possessions which included livestock, rice, building material and household goods. Reportedly, there was a VC Battalion operating in the area. Accordingly, the RVN furnished two ARVN Battalions for security.

23 Jul- The CTU continued to move displaced families from Ap Dong Ho to Quang Dien. The Vietnamese were very cooperative in loading and unloading. Two mining incidents occurred but both concerned Vietnamese vehicles only.

23 Jul- Quang Dien underwent a mortar attack at approximately 2100 hours, resulting in negative casualties to the Battalion. Members of the CTU were on their vehicles at the time and observed the mortar flashes. They directed .50 caliber machine gun fire in the vicinity of the flashes and the incoming fire ceased. An estimated 8 mortar rounds were received.

24 Jul- The CTU returned to the Battalion having completed their mission. During a 48-hour period they transported approximately 2,100 civilians and 187 tons of household belongings from the Ap Dong Ho area to the relocation center at Quang Dien.

25 Jul- PFC T. R. O'MALLEY of the Battalion S-3 Section returned from Viet-language school in DaNang, having completed the 30-day course. He is currently an active member in the Battalion PSYOPS Program.



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