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1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 Mar - 31 Mar 1966

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2

Encl: (1) Chronology

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

a. Location: Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

b. Period Covered by the Report: 1 Mar - 31 Mar 1966

c. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Subordinates:

Commanding Officer LtCol John J. HOOTHOFF USMC
Executive Officer. Major R. L. DOERING USMC
Sergeant Major SgtMaj J. J. FERNANE USMC
S-1/Adj/LegalO 2ndLt E. E. WILCOXEN USMC
S-3 Officer. Major A. G. STEPHENS Jr USMC
S-3 Ass't/CommO. 1stLt R. SCHAAAL USMC
S-4/SupplyO. 2ndLt R. L. RUNKLE USMC
Medical Officer. Lt Calvin CASSADY USN
Chaplain LCDR R. A. BAXTER, CHC USN

Headquarter and Service Company (-)

Commanding Officer Captain K. M. SEYBOLD USMC

Company "A" (-)

Commanding Officer 1stLt R. W. BROWN USMC

Company "C"

Commanding Officer 1stLt J. C. BISSELL USMC

Attachments

Company "D" (-), 7thMTBn

Commanding Officer. 1stLt James R. MULHERN USMC

d. Mission

"To provide general Motor Transport support to the 1st Marine Division in order to give the Division limited tactical mobility and an organic initial logistical support capability."

2. Commanders Statement of Significant Events. The month of March marked the deployment for the 1st Motor Transport Battalion (-) (Rein) from Okinawa to Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. The two truck companies in Chu Lai, (Company "A" and Company "C") reverted to Battalion control from FLSG-B and truck operations were coordinated and directed by the Officer in Charge Advance Party. At the end of the reporting period the Battalion Command Post was afloat on the USS VERNON COUNTY (LST 1161) enroute to Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

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The following is a chronology of significant events during the period
1 March - 31 March 1966:

- 01 Mar 1966: RLT -5 activated which included Company "B" (-) 1st Motor Transport Battalion attached to Headquarters Company, 5th Marines and 1st Platoon, Company "B", 7th Motor Transport Battalion attached to Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. (Reference (a) refers) change of command, LtCol JOHN J. ROOTHOFF relieves Major R. L. DOERING as Commanding Officer, 1st Motor Transport Battalion (-)(Rein). (Reference (b) refers)
- 02 Mar 1966: FMFPac DPI Audit Team inspected service records of 1st Motor Transport Battalion to include Company "B" (-), 1st Motor Transport Battalion, and 1st Platoon, Company "B", 7th Motor Transport Battalion.
- 04 Mar 1966: Detachment, 1st Motor Transport Battalion (Advance Party) departed Camp Hansen, Okinawa for embarkation aboard LST 1156 (Washoe County) at Naha Okinawa.
- 05 Mar 1966: LST 1156 (Washoe County) departed for Republic of Vietnam.
- 10 Mar 1966: Detachment, 1st Motor Transport Battalion (Advance Party) arrived Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.
- 11 Mar 1966: Commanding Officer, 1st Motor Transport Battalion departed for Republic of Vietnam.
- 14 Mar 1966: Commanding Officer, 1st Motor Transport Battalion returned from Republic of Vietnam.
- 19 Mar 1966: Detachment, 1st Motor Transport Battalion (Advance Party) established Command Post site, vicinity BS 553002.
- 20 Mar 1966: 2 Enlisted departed Okinawa on USS Whitfield County, LST 1169 for Republic of Vietnam.
- 25 Mar 1966: 2 Enlisted arrived Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.
- 28 Mar 1966: 1st Motor Transport Battalion, (-)(Rein) departed Camp Hansen for Embarkation aboard LST 1161 (Vernon County). (Reference (e) refers). Assumed operational control of Company "A", (-) and Company (C), vice FLSG'B'. OPCN/ADCON Company "D", 7th Motor Transport Battalion, reverts to CO, 7th Motor Transport Battalion.
- 30 Mar 1966: 5 truck convoy hauling E/2/7 troops escorting MAG-36 fuel tankers made one round trip to Quang Ngai (South Hwy 1), no incidents.

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31 Mar 1966: 5 truck convoy hauling H&S/3/7 troops escorting MAG-36 fuel tankers made one round trip to Quang Ngai (South-Hwy 1), no incidents.

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LIST OF REFERENCES

- (a) CG, 1stMarDiv msg 240510Z Feb 1960
- (b) Division Special Order 51-66
- (c) CO, 1stMTBn msg 280803Z Mar66

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DOCUMENTATION

TAB 1 - Change of Command Photo

Appendix B to Enclosure (1)

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