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1st Motor Transport Battalion (-)
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 April - 30 April 1966

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Encl: (1) Chronology

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2. Upon removal of enclosure (1) this letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Location: Chu Lai Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam
b. Period Covered by this Report: 1 April - 30 April 1966

c. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Subordinates:

Commanding Officer	LtCol John J. ROOTHOFF USMC
Executive Officer	Major Roy L. DOERING USMC
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj John J. FERNANE USMC
S-1/Adj/LegalO	2ndLt Edward E. WILCOXEN USMC
S-3 Officer	Major Arthur C. STEPHENS Jr USMC
S-3 Ass't/CommO	1stLt Robert SCHAALE USMCR
S-4/SupplyO	2ndLt Roger L. RUNKLE USMC
Medical Officer	Lt Calvin R. CASSADY USN
Chaplain	LCDR Ray A. BAXTER USN

Headquarters and Service Company

Commanding Officer Captain Kenneth M. SEYBOLD USMCR

Company "A" (-)

Commanding Officer Captain William F. JURNEY USMC

Company "C"

Commanding Officer 1stLt John C. BISSELL USMCR

Attachments

None

2. Commanders Statement of Significant Events. The month of April marked the arrival of the 1st Motor Transport Battalion (-) to the Chu Lai Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam. Upon arrival at the command post (BS 550015), the Battalion immediately became operational providing motor transport support to operations Utah, Nevada, Hot Springs and Wyoming. Construction and beautification of the camp moved on with ever increasing tempo; the end on the reporting period revealed significant accomplishments with nearly all projects completed. Except for sporadic small arms fire received on 6 April 1966, this Battalion has not experienced any direct contact with the Viet Cong.

3. 1 April - 30 April 1966:

01 Apr 1966: Enroute to Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam aboard LST 1161 (Vernon County).

03 Apr 1966: 1st Motor Transport Battalion (-) debarked from LST 1161 at Chu Lai Combat Base at 1100H and arrived at the command post site (BS 550015) at 1300H.

05 Apr 1966: Rear Echelon, 1st Motor Transport Battalion (-) debarked from AKA 94 (Winston), at Chu Lai Combat Base at 1600H, and commenced off loading of Battalion Supply.

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- 06 Apr 1966: Provided 3 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. At 1040H received five rounds automatic weapons fire by 1st Motor Transport personnel on Highway #1 near CP entrance (BS 551015) and 1 round small arms fire received in CP (BS 550015) from Westerly direction.
- 08 Apr 1966: Provided 4 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- 09 Apr 1966: Provided 6 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- 10 Apr 1966: Provided 1 truck for tactioal run in support of 7th Marines.
- 11 Apr 1966: Provided 5 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. Joined one Captain from 1st Marines, assumed duties as Commanding Officer, Company "A".
- 12 Apr 1966: Provided 3 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- 15 Apr 1966: Provided 2 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. Conducted ground defense drill in conjunction with 1st Engineer Battalion at CP site (BS 550015). Results satisfactory.
- 17 Apr 1966: Provided 10 truck convoy and control vehicle in support of 7th Marines in operation near Quang Ngai.
- 19 Apr 1966: Provided 4 truck convoy in support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- 20 Apr 1966: Provided 17 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. Three enlisted, Company "C", 1st MTBn wounded by booby trap grenade explosion, vicinity Hill 69, one evacuated to USS Repose.
- 21 Apr 1966: Provided 8 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 7th Marines.
- 23 Apr 1966: Provided 5 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 24 Apr 1966: Provided 3 truck convoy for tactical run in support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 25 Apr 1966: Provided 2 truck cenvoy in support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

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