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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 Nov 1966  
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2  
Encls: (1) Chronology for 1st Motor Transport Battalion (-)  
(2) Chronology for Company "A", 1st Motor Transport Battalion  
1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).  
2. Upon removal of enclosures (1) and (2) this letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED.

Russell E. Johnson

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

a. Location: Chu Lai Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam

b. Period Covered by this report: 1-30 Nov 1966

c. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Subordinates:  
 Commanding Officer . . . . . LtCol R. E. Johnson USMC  
 Executive Officer. . . . . Major K. H. Reagan USMC  
 Sergeant Major . . . . . SgtMaj C. Janiel USMC  
 S-1/Adj/LegalO . . . . . 2ndLt B. V. Branson USMC  
 S-3 Officer. . . . . Major K. H. Reagan USMC  
 S-4/SupplyO. . . . . WO-1 A. D. Hall USMC  
 CommunicationsO. . . . . 2ndLt R. B. Meissner USMC

Headquarters and Service Company

Commanding Officer . . . . . 2nd Lt R. B. Meissner USMC

Company "A" (Attached to 3rdMIBn, 3rdMarDiv)

Commanding Officer . . . . . Capt W. E. Smith USMC

Company "B"

Commanding Officer . . . . . Capt J. D. Findlay USMC

Company "C"

Commanding Officer . . . . . Capt K. M. Seybold USMC

2. Commanders Statement of Significant Events

a. In addition to the convoy operations contained in paragraph 3 below the battalion was committed to 100% of its availability practically every day during the month.

b. Before the employment of 4 Otters in support of 1/7 on 14 November 6 M-35's, 6 LVT's and helicopters for resupply of "B" Company 1/7 were being utilized. Upon employment of the Otters the helicopters were no longer required. The M-35's were reduced to 1 and the LVT's were used for hauling fuel only. Employment of Otters in this instance appears to have resulted in more timely resupply efforts and a substantial saving of material and man power.

c. On 26 November during the <sup>height</sup> of tropical storm "Nancy" 14 Otters were employed in areas which were impassable to wheeled vehicles. Evaluation of their performance is in process and it is apparent that the maintenance required to operate the Otter is far more than the M-35. Request for augmentation personnel were submitted to CG 1st Marine Division on 23 November 1966.

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5 November - 30 November 1966

01 November 1966: A Company "C" convoy comprised of 12 M-35's transported cantonment supplies to GC 632850.

04 November 1966: A Company "C" convoy comprised of 17 M-35's from Company "C", 8 M-36's from LAAM Battalion transported 41,250 lbs of 155mm ammunition and 1 cement mixer to Quang Ngai airstrip.

04 November 1966: <sup>27</sup> 10 Officers from the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade visited the 1st Motor Transport Battalion for an orientation briefing and tour of the Battalion area.

06 November 1966: 10 trucks of Company "C" were placed in direct support of the 2nd Battalion 11th Marines. The unit displaced from the 2/11 C.P. to hill 27 and supported ARVN operations in that area until 8 November 1966.

07 November 1966: Company "B" provided security and control vehicles for M-63 tankers of MAG 36. The convoy delivered fuel to the Quang Ngai air field.

09 November 1966: 15 Otters were received from the 3rd Motor Transport Battalion for employment in the Chu Lai area.

10 November 1966: Company "B" provided 10 trucks which joined a 7th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy and hauled ammunition from Chu Lai to the Quang Ngai airstrip.

11 November 1966: 2 trucks from Company "C" supporting 2/7 were pinned down by small arms fire for approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours at CG 583929. No casualties.

13 November 1966: One truck from Company "C" received small arms fire near hill 54. The truck proceeded and no action was taken.

13 November 1966: A Company "B" convoy comprised of 16 M-35's of Company "B", 15 M-36's from 7th Motor Transport Battalion and 10 M-36's from LAAM Battalion transported 48,440 lbs of 155mm ammunition from Chu Lai to the Quang Ngai airstrip.

14 November 1966: 4 Otters were placed in direct support of 1/7 due to the inability of common wheeled vehicles to negotiate the roads because of mud conditions.

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14 November 1966; This Battalion hosted a contact team who instructed on wreckers for a period of 2 days.

17 November 1966; This Battalion hosted a tracked/wheeled vehicle water proofing team for a period of 6 days.

18 November 1966; A Motor Transport Inspection was conducted by the Task Force XRay Motor Transport Officer.

20 November 1966; A Company "C" convoy comprised of 12 M-35's from Company "C", 5 M-36's from 7th Motor Transport Battalion and organic vehicles of 3/11 and 7th Marine Headquarters moved from the 7th Marine C.P. to assigned locations in the Quang Ngai area for participation in Operation Rio Blanco. While inroute to the 3/11 position the lead Ontos supporting the convoy hit a mine which resulted in 3 WIA (evac). 2 trucks of Company "C" remained in direct support of the 7th Marines. All others returned to Chu Lai.

20 November 1966; A Company "B" convoy comprised of 23 M-35's from Company "B" transported 66,248 lbs of 105mm ammunition from the Chu Lai ammo dump to the Quang Ngai airstrip. The ammunition was for support of operation Rio Blanco.

23 November 1966; A Company "C" convoy comprised of 11 M-35's from Company "C" and 9 M-36's from 7th Motor Transport Battalion transported 20,520 lbs of 105mm ammunition to the Quang Ngai airstrip for support of operation Rio Blanco.

23 November 1966; A type II Communications inspection was conducted by the Task Force XRay CEO.

26 November 1966; Due to the weather conditions caused by tropical storm Nancy, 14 Otters were employed in the support of 3/5 and 1/7 in areas where it was either impassible by wheeled vehicles or water checks would have been required.

27 November 1966; A Company "B" convoy comprised of 31 M-35's from 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 13 M-36's from 7th Communication Battalion, 7 M-63's from MAG 36 and 4 M-36's from 7th Motor Transport Battalion transported organic units and class 1 through 5 supplies from Quang Ngai to Chu Lai at the conclusion of operation Rio Blanco. The convoy heard small arms fire at GC 621725 and returned 3 burst of 50cal with unknown results.

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30 November 1966; 1 truck was placed in direct support of 3/11 for support of ARVN operations in the Quang Ngai area.

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Enclosure (1)

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

a. Location: DaNang Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam

b. Period covered by this report: 1-30 Nov 1966

c. Name and rank of Commanding Officer and Subordinates:

Commanding Officer . . . . .	Capt William E. SMITH USMC
Executive Officer . . . . .	2nd Lt William E. SCHAAF USMCR
Company 1stSgt . . . . .	SgtMaj Edwin M. WRIGHT

2. Commanders Statement of Significant Events

During the period covered herein, this <sup>company</sup> provided support, on an extended TAD basis, to the following organizations:

Hq, 1st Marines (4 vehicles)  
 1/1 (5 vehicles)  
 1st M.P. Bn (1 vehicle)  
 III MAF Post Office (2 vehicles)  
 China Beach R&R Center (1 vehicle)

The company also provided security personnel to the following organizations:

3rd Motor Transport Battalion  
 China Beach R&R Center  
 ASP #1

## 3. 1 November -30 November 1966

01 November 1966 - Rough Rider departs to Dong Ha

02 November 1966 - Company 1stSgt promoted to present rank

02 November 1966 Visit by executive officer, 1stMIBn

06 November 1966 - Rough Rider returns from Dong Ha

08 November 1966 - Company handled 2/3 on tactical deployment

10 November 1966 - Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony

12 November 1966 - Vehicles TAD to HQ, 1st Marines, transported ~~relief~~ force for 3/1 platoon which suffered 80% casualties

13 November 1966 - Rough Rider departed for An Hoa Industrial Complex

17 November 1966 - Company Commander promoted to present rank

20 November 1966 - Rough Rider returns from An Hoa

Enclosure (2)

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21 November 1966 - Friendly artillery round landed ~~among~~ <sup>near</sup> vehicles TAD to 1st Marines CP, causing extensive body damage to two vehicles. No casualties.

21 November 1966 - One vehicle ambushed by platoon of VC on Highway #1. One passenger wounded. Driver managed to drive damaged vehicle out of killing zone to safety.

23 November 1966 - Motor Transport inspection by 1stMarDiv MTO

28 November 1966 - FMFPac Inspection. Force Inspector toured company area.

29 November 1966 - Rough Rider to Dong Ha departs

30 November 1966 - Rough Rider returns from Dong Ha.

