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1st Motor Transport Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 February 1967 to 28 February 1967
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) February Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 Feb 67 to 28 Feb 67

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Motor Transport Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

J. T. ELKINS
1-28 Feb 67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

Transport Company, 9th Motor Transport Battalion

2. LOCATION

1-14 Feb: Chu Lai, RVN
15-28 Feb: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer.	Major J. T. ELKINS. . . . .	.1-28 Feb
Executive Officer	Major K. H. REAGAN. . . . .	.1-28 Feb
Sergeant Major.	SgtMaj C. JANIEL. . . . .	.1-28 Feb
S-1/Adj/Legal O	2ndLt B. V. BRANSON . . . . .	.1-28 Feb
S-3	Major K. H. REAGAN. . . . .	.1-22 Feb
S-3	1stLt R. B. MEISSNER. . . . .	.23-28 Feb
S-3 Ass't	1stLt R. H. SHIREMAN III. . . . .	.1-28 Feb
S-4/Supply.	WO A. D. HALL . . . . .	.1-28 Feb
Communications O.	1stLt R. H. SHIREMAN III. . . . .	.1-28 Feb
Chaplain.	Lt L. L. GLOVER USNR. . . . .	.1-12 Feb

Headquarters and Service Company

Commanding Officer.	1stLt R. B. MEISSNER. . . . .	.1-22 Feb
Commanding Officer.	1stLt G. W. FUNKHOUSER. . . . .	.23-28 Feb

Company "A" (Attached to 3rdMTBn, 3rdMarDiv) 1-14 Feb

Commanding Officer.	Capt W. E. SMITH. . . . .	.1 Feb
Commanding Officer.	Capt L. W. HYATT. . . . .	.2-28 Feb

Company "B"

Commanding Officer.	Capt J. D. FINDLAY. . . . .	.1-10 Feb
Commanding Officer.	1stLt G. W. FUNKHOUSER. . . . .	.11-22 Feb
Commanding Officer.	Capt F. W. EVANS.23-28 Feb

Company "C"

Commanding Officer.	Capt J. A. FREEMAN.1-28 Feb
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
15	273

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
NONE	NONE

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

First Motor Transport Battalion was engaged in routine logistic tasks within the Chu Lai TAOR and conducting resupply convoys in support of Operation DESOTO during the early part of February.

On 8 February Commandant of the Marine Corps letter dtd 17 January was received and authorized the Battalion to accept gifts and assistance from the city of Martinez, California in support of its Civic Action Program. The City of Martinez has adopted the Battalion and plans are being made for several projects. These include establishment of a trust account with the Wells Fargo Bank which is accepting donations of funds for use in connection with our Civic Action Program.

On 14 February First Motor Transport Battalion displaced by "ROUGH RIDER" from the Chu Lai TAOR to the Da Nang TAOR and OPCON shifted from Task Force X-Ray to Commanding General, First Marine Division.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 8 Feb 1967 - Received authorization to accept assistance from the city of Martinez, California in conduct of Battalion Civil Action Program.
Ref: CG 1stMarDiv ltr 41/JEF/jhw 1720 of 23Dec66 (Enclosure (1))
CMC ltr AO3E-plh of 17Jan67 (Enclosure (2))
- 10 Feb 1967- Received CG 1stMarDiv FragOrder 18-67. Battalion prepared to move to the Da Nang TAOR.
Ref: CG 1stMarDiv msg 080917Z Feb 67
- 11 Feb 1967- Received CG Task Force X-Ray FragOrder 6-67 which directed 1st MTBn (-) to prepare to deploy with H&S Co. and Company "B" to the Da Nang TAOR by "Rough Rider".
Ref: CG Task Force X-Ray msg 100755Z Feb 67
- 12 Feb 1967- Battalion moved to staging area at 0800. The skies were overcast and heavy rain was falling. Air support could not be provided and at 1105 the move was postponed until the following day.
- 13 Feb 1967- Battalion moved out at 1040 but at 1130 move was postponed until following day due to a bridge being out. Returned to C.P.

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14 Feb 1967- Battalion moved out at 0840. At 1318 crossed checkpoint 21 at which time operational control of the First Motor Transport Battalion (-) passed to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. Operational control of Company "A" which had been in the Da Nang TAOR with the Third Motor Transport Battalion was assumed. Operational control of Transport Company, Ninth Motor Transport Battalion was also assumed at this time. Simultaneously, operational control of Company "C", First Motor Transport Battalion passed to the Seventh Motor Transport Battalion in the Chu Lai TAOR.

26 Feb 1967- Private First Class Steven W. OLSEN 2180238/3531 USMC Company "A," First Motor Transport Battalion awarded Navy Commendation Medal. Copy of Citation attached as Enclosure (3).

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- ✓ ENCLOSURE (1) Commanding General, 1st Marine Division letter 41/JEF/jhw 1720 of 23Dec66 (attached)
 - ✓ ENCLOSURE (2) Commandant of the Marine Corps letter AO3E-plh of 17Jan67 (attached)
 - ✓ ENCLOSURE (3) Copy of Citation (attached)

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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602

41/JEF/jhw

1720

23 Dec 1966.

From: Commanding General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3E)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Permission to accept gifts for hamlet under the civic action cognizance of the 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division; request for

Ref: (a) CG 1stMarDiv ltr 1/DBG/rft over 5726 of 4 Nov 1966
(b) MCO 5710.5A

Encl: (1) City of Martinez ltr of 19 Nov 1966 to TIO, 1st MTBn
(2) Hq, 1st MTBn ltr REM/lwm over 5000 of 29 Nov 1966

1. As previously made known by reference (a), the city of Martinez, California has adopted the 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division.
2. In correspondence between the city and the battalion, city officials have learned of the battalion's civic action endeavors in nearby hamlets. City officials have expressed a desire to participate directly in the battalion's civic action programs by providing articles needed by these particular villagers.
3. As indicated by enclosure (1), the city of Martinez has already launched a drive to collect funds to assist the battalion in increasing its civil assistance and medical care programs.
4. Enclosure (2) is a copy of the letter to the city sent in response to enclosure (1).
5. In accordance with reference (b), it is requested that permission be granted to 1st Motor Transport Battalion to accept the civic action assistance offered by the city of Martinez, as indicated in paragraph 2 of enclosure (2).
6. This Headquarters will ensure that gifts received will be portioned out under guidelines provided by the III MAF Civic Assistance Program.

SIDNEY J. ALTMAN
Chief of Staff

Copy to: CG, TFX
CO, 1st MTBn
Dir, 12th MarCorDist

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20380

IN REPLY REFER TO
AO3E-plh
17 Jan 1967

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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, FMF FPO San Francisco,
96602
Via: (1) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Subj: Permission to Accept Gifts for Hamlet under the Civic Action Cognizance
of the 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division; granting of
Ref: (a) CG 1st MarDiv ltr 41/JEF/jhw over 1720 of 23Dec66
1. Permission is granted for 1st Motor Transport Battalion to accept civic
action assistance offered by the city of Martinez, California as indicated
in reference (a).

/s/ R. L. MURRAY

R. L. MURRAY
By direction

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, 96602

In the name of the Secretary of the Navy, the Commanding General,
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY
COMMENDATION MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEVEN W. OLSEN

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement while serving as a Motor Vehicle Operator with Company A, First Motor Transport Battalion, First Marine Division in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam. On the night of 21 November 1966, near the village of Dien Ban, Private First Class OLSEN was driving a two and a half ton truck on a routine trip to the First Battalion, First Marines Command Post when heavy small arms fire and grenades from an undetermined force of Viet Cong severely damaged the vehicle. Using extreme driving skill, Private First Class OLSEN maintained control of the wildly careening truck, guiding it across a one-lane bridge and keeping it under control until he was approximately one half mile from the site of the ambush. After determining that the truck could be driven no farther, he discovered that one of his seven passengers had received a serious leg wound. Directing the other passengers to set up security around the truck, he ran 500 meters to the Dien Ban District Headquarters. Obtaining an ambulance jeep, he returned to the vehicle and transported the wounded Marine to a helicopter landing zone for evacuation. He then proceeded to the Command Post, reported the incident and returned to the scene with a vehicle to tow his disabled truck to a secure area. Throughout the encounter, Private First Class OLSEN's inspiring courage and initiative undoubtedly saved the wounded Marine's life, prevented additional casualties among his passengers and further damage to his vehicle. By his courageous actions, resourcefulness, and unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class OLSEN upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

Private First Class OLSEN is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

V. H. KRULAK
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING

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