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HEADQUARTERS
 3d Motor Transport Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), organizational data, including attachments, designations and locations of units of 3d Motor Transport Battalion (-) (Rein), is hereby submitted.

a. Da Nang Enclave (3dMTBn Hq)

H&SCo, 3dMTBn
 Co"A", 3dMTBn
 Co"C", 3dMTBn
 Co"A", 1stMTBn, 1stMarDiv(Rein), FMF (Attached OPCON)
 (CoHq & 1TrkPlt)

b. Phu-Bai Enclave (FLSU)

Co"B", 3dMTBn
 2dPlt, Co"A", 1stMTBn, 1stMarDiv(Rein), FMF (Attached OPCON)

2. Period Covered

1 - 31 July 1966

3. Name/Rank Commanding Officer and Staff:

BAKER, F. J.	LtCol	Commanding Officer
HEAP, V. I. (Jd 26Jul66)	2ndLt	S-1/Adjutant
KING, K. W. Sr	Capt	S-3(detached 25Jul66)
KEEL, J. T.	2ndLt	S-4/Supply
BALAKER, V. T.	1stLt	CO, H&SCo
WALTERS, W. H.	Capt	CO, Co"A"
MCDERMOTT, J. J.	Capt	CO, Co"B"
WEBERLING, P. H.	Capt	CO, Co"C"
MURRAY, H. C.	SgtMaj	Bn Sergeant Major

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a. 3d Motor Transport Battalion: USMC, 17 Officers and 264 Enlisted; USN, 8 Enlisted.

b. 2 Officers and 72 Enlisted attached OPCON from 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

5. Personnel. None6. Administration. None7. Training

a. On 2 and 8 July 1966 personnel from this Battalion attended Course "C", Land Mine Warfare, VC Mines and Booby Traps, which was conducted at 3d Engineer Battalion. A total of 10 personnel attended.

b. During the period covered one man attended a Motion Picture projectionist school for a period of one week. The school was conducted on Okinawa.

c. 150 personnel FAM fired the .50 caliber machinegun during the month. Dates of the FAM firing were 10-24 and 31 July 1966.

d. Two hours of instruction on general military and technical subjects is given all personnel of this Battalion each week. Troop Indoctrination lectures have been held at Battalion level for all personnel reporting to, and leaving the command.

8. Operations.

a. This Battalion coordinated and provided vehicles for three "ROUGH RIDER" convoys during the period covered.

b. Dates of convoys to the Hue-Phu-Bai area.

Dates of departure (From DaNang)	Dates of return (To DaNang)
14 July 1966	14 July 1966
17 July 1966	17 July 1966
26 July 1966	27 July 1966

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c. During July an average of 14 M-35 trucks were committed on a 24 hour basis for tactical and logistical support of the infantry battalions within the DaNang TAOR. These vehicles do not return to this battalion except for maintenance services. The drivers and vehicles are continually subjected to ambush and land mine hazards. During the period covered one truck was totally destroyed and the driver injured by a land mine believed to be a 105 artillery round with a booster charge of 30 to 40 pounds of TNT.

d. Ten M-76 Otters have also been committed on a 24 hour basis. The requirement for the Otter is necessiated by the rough and sand terrain which cannot be traversed by wheeled vehicles. The primary use is for the resupply of water, rations, ammunition and other supplies to the companies deployed away from the battalion command posts. Each Otter normally operates at least eight hours a day.

9. Civil Affairs

a. The Battalion Medical Team treated 1,534 patients in the Hamlets of DONG-PHUOC, DONG-BAY and BINH-THAI about 972 bars of soap were distributed.

b. Plans are near completion for the construction of a school in the Hamlet of DONG-PHUOC. It will measure approximately 14 meters long and 6 meters wide and house about 110 students. The project is to be a joint Marine and Vietnamese venture. The people of the hamlet are currently clearing out the designated area. The land will then be leveled and the actual construction will begin.

c. Twenty gallons of green and ten gallons of yellow paint were given this hamlet to paint the doors and windows of its church.

d. The Battalion was authorized by Division to hire indigenous personnel. Close cooperation was provided by Father Dinh-Hung-Loi, the pastor of the local church, in obtaining six women from this hamlet. The hiring of these women has had a very favorable effect on the relation between the people of the hamlet and this organization.

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e. Regular scheduled sick calls are now being held in BINH-THAI hamlet. Liaison has been established with the Combined Action Unit of 1st MP Battalion and joint medical facilities are made available to the people.

f. Foreign claims are expeditiously handled. At present one claim is outstanding and will be completed shortly.

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By direction

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