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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 (U)
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.0

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. DaNang Enclave (3dMTBn Hq)

H&SCo, 3dMTBn
Co"A", 3dMTBn (-)
Co"C", 3dMTBn
Co"A", 1stMTBn, 1stMarDiv(Rein), FMF (attached OPCON)

b. Dong Ha Enclave (OPCON 4th Marines)

Co"B", 3dMTBn (Rein)

2. Period Covered

1 - 30 September 1966

3. Name/Rank Commanding Officer and Staff:

ARMSTRONG, R. F.	Major	Commanding Officer
HEAP, V. I.	2ndLt	S-1/Adjutant
WALTERS, W. H.	Capt	XO/S-3
KEEL, J. T.	2ndLt	S-4/Supply
BALAKER, V. T.	1stLt	Co Comdr, H&SCo
MITCHELL, R. L.	Capt	Co Comdr, Co"A"
MCDERMOTT, J. J.	Capt	Co Comdr, Co"B"
WEBERLING, P. H.	Capt	Co Comdr, Co"C"
MURRAY, H. C.	SgtMaj	Bn SgtMaj

4. Average Monthly Strength

a. 3d Motor Transport Battalion: USMC, 15 Officers and 240 Enlisted;
USN, 6 Enlisted.

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b. 2 Officers and 64 Enlisted GPCON from 1st Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

5. Personnel. None

6. Administration. None

7. Training

a. During September, 58 personnel FAM fired the M-14 rifle and 65 personnel FAM fired the .50 caliber machine gun. Dates of the firing were 3 and 10 September 1966.

b. Three personnel attended an eight hour generator operator course on 15 Sept 1966. The course was conducted at 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion by a contact team from 3d Engineer Battalion. The course covered records, forms and instruction related to the generators held by participating units.

c. Three personnel attended multi-fuel mobile training course A. The course was conducted at FLSG-A from 23 through 25 Sept 1966. The course covered basic operator and maintenance procedures.

8. Operations

a. This battalion coordinated and provided vehicles for three "Roughrider" convoys during the period covered. Information relative to these convoys is given below.

(1) Convoy #1 departed the battalion CP for the Hue-Phu-Bai and Dong Ha areas at 020405H Sept 1966 and arrived at its destination at 021345H Sept 1966. Its mission was primarily logistical resupply in nature. Engineer equipment and materials, PX supplies, tires and motor transport equipment were transported to units located in those areas. The return to DaNang was begun at 030630H Sept and was completed at 031345H Sept 1966.

(2) Convoy #2 departed the battalion CP at 130430H Sept 1966 with general supplies for units located in the Hue-Phu-Bai and Dong Ha areas. Upon arriving in the area the convoy was committed to the support of operations "DECKHOUSE IV" and "PRAIRIE" from 14-20 Sept 1966. The convoy was released and returned to the battalion CP on 21 Sept 1966.

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(3) Convoy #3 departed at 250445H Sept 1966 for Dong Ha. The convoy, (DaNang to Dong Ha), was used as a means of relocating Company "A", 3d Motor Transport Battalion from the CP area at (AT986720 AMS Series L701) to Dong Ha to relieve Company "B", 3d Motor Transport Battalion. Company "B" will be relocated at the battalion CP on or about 4 October 1966. The primary purpose of the convoy was to support operation "PRAIRIE" being conducted northwest of Dong Ha. The convoy has been in support of this operation since 26 Sept 1966 and will continue until on or about 3 October 1966.

9. Civil Affairs

a. During the past four weeks this unit treated 1,573 people in the HAMLETS of DONG PHUOC, DONG BAU and BINH THAI. About 1,000 bars of soap were distributed.

b. Four truck loads of scrap lumber was distributed among the people of DONG PHUOC. These people will rebuild their homes with this lumber.

c. A two foot high marble statue of the Sacred Heart was presented to the Sacred Heart Parrish on 23 September 1966. The Parrish had previously been without a statue of its Patron Saint.

d. Twenty-seven gallons of paint was distributed to various individuals for the purpose of painting their homes.

e. On 28 September 1966 toys, food, soft drinks and clothing were distributed during the Autumn Festival at Hoa Cam. There were approximately 300 children attending.


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