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Encl: ✓(1) 3d Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Motor Transport Battalion

COMMANDER

Major W. H. STEWART Jr.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H & S Company
 Company "A"
 Company "B"
 Company "C"

1stLt J. G. RICHEY
 Capt R. R. PANZER
 Major W. P. BARCLAY
 1stLt F. W. KRELL

2. LOCATION

a. Quang Tri, RVN

H & S Co (-)
 Co "A" (-)
 Co "B" (-)
 Co "C"

b. Phu Bai, RVN

Det, H & S Co (-)

c. Cam Lo, RVN

Plt Co "B"
 Det, H & S Co (2 Otters)

d. Ca Lu, RVN

Det, Co "A"
 Det, Co "B"

e. Cua Viet, RVN

Det, H & S Co (23 Otters)

f. Khe Sanh, RVN

Det, H & S Co (1 Otter)

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer
 Executive Officer
 S-1/Adjutant
 S-3
 S-4
 S-5
 H & S Cmdr
 Co "A"
 Co "B"
 Co "C"

Major W. H. STEWART Jr.
 Major W. O. DAY
 WO1 M. E. HAWKINS
 Capt D. P. FLOOD
 1stLt R. G. HANSLITS
 1stLt L. F. CHANLEY
 1stLt J. G. RICHEY
 Capt R. R. PANZER
 Major W. P. BARCLAY
 1stLt F. W. KRELL

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. OPERATION. During the month of April the battalion continued its mission of providing general support for the 3d Marine Division. The numerous operations, heavy commitments, and distance, required the battalion to keep an average of 45 vehicles in direct support of Task Force Robbie and the 1st & 26th Marine Regiments.

The battalion, in addition to supporting Operation Checker, was given the mission to move the 26th Marine Regiment and 1st Battalion, 13th Marines from Khe Sanh to Quang Tri and Wunder Beach. In accomplishing the mission the battalion made 8 Rough Rider Convoys carrying approximately 2,269 tons of cargo and 2,951 personnel.

The Otter Platoon, in supporting units at Khe Sanh, Cam Lo, Quang Tri and Cua Viet, traveled 1, 810 miles, carried 248 tons of cargo and 1,578 personnel, made 95 medevacs and transported 7 POW's.

Daily availability of battalion task vehicles averaged 81% and daily commitments averaged 78%. Tonnage, mileage and personnel transported figures are shown in the table below:

	Tonnage	Personnel	Mileage
3d MFBn	3,310	4,120	35,501
Otter Platoon	248	1,578	1,810
Total	3,558	5,698	37,311

2. CIVIL AFFAIRS. During the month of April this battalion began working in a new area in Quang Tri Province. The first project under way is participation in a 30 day MEDCAP Program being conducted in numerous hamlets around Quang Tri City. This program was started as part of an agreement by the Quang Tri Marine Base and Mai Linh District Officials to conduct civic operations in return for the speedy removal of gravesites within the perimeter of the base.

During the last week of April this battalion conducted two MEDCAPS, one at Nhan Bieu School and the other at Tri Bua Church, treating a total of 135 patients.

Specific area assignments will be made during May when this battalion will receive a village near Quang Tri City in which to conduct all future civil affairs operations.

3. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PROGRAM. The battalion distributed leaflets which offered rewards for information on enemy mining activities and ammunition caches along convoy routes.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Apr- "Rough Rider" 23-68 arrived at Quang Tri with 381 tons of cargo and 160 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt T. W. MUSSER. 1 Truck Platoon was sent to support 1st Marine Regiment at Ca Lu.
- 2 Apr- "Rough Rider" 23-68 departed for Phu Bai with no tonnage and 98 troops. No incidents occurred. 1stLt W. J. SCREWS was the Convoy Commander.
- 4 Apr- "Rough Rider" 24-68 arrived at Quang Tri carrying 263 tons of cargo and 213 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt W. J. SCREWS.
- 5 Apr- "Rough Rider" 24-68 departed for Phu Bai with 133 troops and no tonnage. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt W. J. SCREWS.
- 7 Apr- "Rough Rider" 25-68 arrived at Quang Tri carrying 129 tons of cargo and 135 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt T. W. MUSSER.
- 8 Apr- "Rough Rider" 25-68 departed for Phu Bai with 27 tons of cargo and 117 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt T. W. MUSSER.
- 9 Apr- Dispatched 3 M-76 Otters to Cua Viet.
- 10 Apr- "Rough Rider" 26-68 arrived at Quang Tri with 204 tons of cargo and 136 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt T. W. MUSSER.
- 11 Apr- "Rough Rider" 26-68 departed for Phu Bai with 2 tons of cargo and 90 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was Capt R. R. PANZER.
- 13 Apr- "Rough Rider" 27-68 arrived at Quang Tri with 185 tons of cargo and 110 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was Capt R. R. PANZER.
- 14 Apr- 4 M-76 Otters were sent to Cua Viet.
- 15 Apr- 2 M-76 Otters destroyed at Khe Sanh by enemy actions.
- 15 Apr- 35 M-35's, 2 M-543's and 1 M-105 were sent to Khe Sanh to support the 26th Marine Regiment. The convoy carried 102 tons of supplies and 260 troops to Khe Sanh. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was Capt R. R. PANZER.

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- 16 Apr- "Rough Rider" Convoy returned to Quang Tri carrying 232 tons of cargo and 275 troops. No incidents occurred, Convoy Commander was R. R. PANZER.
- 18 Apr- "Rough Rider" Convoy departed for Khe Sanh carrying 187 tons of cargo and 380 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was Capt R. R. PANZER.
- 19 Apr- Received message from Convoy Commander that three 9th MTBn personnel attached to convoy were WIA. Personnel taken to D med in Dong Ha.
- 19 Apr- Received message from Division that convoy at Khe Sanh was being held up due to tactical situation.
- 21 Apr- 2 M-76 Otters arrived here from Khe Sanh.
- 22 Apr- "Rough Rider" Convoy returned from Khe Sanh carrying 1,820 tons of cargo and 530 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was Capt R. R. PANZER.
- 22 Apr- 2 M-76 Otters returned to Quang Tri from Khe Sanh.
- 23 Apr- Dispatched 5 M-76 Otters to Cua Viet and received 2 from Cua Viet for repairs. 22 Otters on location at Cua Viet.
- 24 Apr- "Rough Rider" Convoy to Khe Sanh carried 122 Tons of cargo and 475 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt W. J. SCREWS.
- 25 Apr- "Rough Rider" Convoy returned from Khe Sanh with 109 tons of cargo and 380 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was 1stLt W. J. SCREWS.
- 26 Apr- Otter Platoon picked up 1 M-76 Otter from FLSG-B in Dong Ha, making a total of 42 M-76 Otters in the platoon.
- 27 Apr- "Rough Rider" Convoy to Khe Sanh carried 371 tons of cargo and 231 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was Capt W. P. BARCLAY.
- 28 Apr- "Rough Rider" Convoy returned from Khe Sanh carrying 326 tons of cargo and 420 troops. No incidents occurred. Convoy Commander was Capt W. P. BARCLAY.
- 29 Apr- 2nd Platoon "B" Company was released from 1st Marine Regiment OFCON.
- 30 Apr- 8 of the 15 M-35's attached to 1st Marine Regiment returned to 3d MTBn.