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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.
2. Group 4 downgraded at 3 year intervals, declassified after 12 years.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. 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  
1stLt T. W. MUSSER  
Capt T. J. KOWALSKI

2. LOCATION

a. Quang Tri, RVN

H & S Co (-) (21 Otters)  
Co "A"  
Co "B"  
Co "C"

b. Da Nang, RVN

Co "C" (-)

c. Cam Lo, RVN

Det, H & S Co (2 Otters)

d. Cua Viet, RVN

Det, H & S Co (20 Otters)

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer  
Executive Officer  
S-1/Adjutant  
S-2

S-4  
S-5  
H & S Aide  
Co "A"  
Co "B"

Co "C"

Bn Sergeant Major

Major W. H. STEWART JR.  
Major W. O. DAY  
WO1 M. E. HAWKINS  
Capt D. P. FLOOD  
thru 10 May  
Major W. P. BARCLAY  
eff 11 May  
1stLt R. G. HANSLITS  
1stLt L. F. CHANLEY  
1stLt J. G. RICHEY  
Capt R. R. PANZER  
Major W. P. BARCLAY  
thru 10 May  
1stLt T. W. MUSSER  
eff 11 May  
1stLt W. T. SCREWS  
thru 10 May  
Capt T. J. KOWALSKI  
eff 11 May  
Sgt Maj H. A. STADIUS

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	<u>ARVN</u>
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. OPERATION. During the month of May the battalion continued its mission of providing general support for the 3d Marine Division.

In addition, the battalion continued its direct support to Task Force Bobbie and to the 26th Marine Regiment. On the 18th, the truck company (-) attached to the 26th Marine Regiment departed with the Regiment, for an operation south of Da Nang. On the 29th, the truck platoon attached to Task Force Bobbie was chopped OPCON, and returned to, 3d Motor Transport Battalion. During the last week of the month the battalion received 39 new M-35A2C's under the Fiscal Year 68 R&E program. On the 30th, a Multi Level Instruction Team reported aboard to give classes for eight days on 1st and 2nd Echelon Maintenance.

The Otter Platoon, in supporting units at Cua Viet, Cam Lo and Quang Tri, traveled 800 miles carrying 262 tons of cargo and 1530 personnel.

Daily availability of battalion task vehicles averaged 64% and daily commitments averaged 58%. Tonnage, mileage and personnel transported figures are; 2,965 tons, 45,527 miles, and 23,411 personnel.

2. CIVIL AFFAIRS. The battalion MEDCAP Team treated approximately 450 patients in Tri Fun, Thach Mon, and Thach Han hamlets of Hai Tri village. Soap from the Mai Linh District MACV Advisors Office was distributed at all MRCAPS.

Arrangements were made with the 3d Dental Company to have a dental officer visit Hai Tri village on a scheduled basis. This service will begin upon submission of a schedule by the District Chief.

This battalion is supervising a bridge-building project in Thach Han hamlet. An old steel bridge at the north gate of the Quang Tri Marine Base will be transported to the bridge site by truck or helicopter. MCBS and the 1st Air Cavalry will be assisting in this effort.

Approximately 25 bamboo poles were purchased with G-5 imprest funds, to be used in rebuilding homes destroyed by the VC, in Thach Mon hamlet, during the first two weeks of May. Wood and Tin are being requested from CORDS as necessary.

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

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 May- 3 M-76 Otters were sent to Cua Viet.
- 2 May- Remaining 7 trucks from Ca Lu, OPCON 1st Marine Regiment, returned to 3d MEBn.
- 3 May- "Rough Rider" 29-68 departed for Phu Bai with 84 troops and no tonnage. No incidents. Major W. P. BARCLAY was the Convoy Commander.
- 5 May- "Rough Rider" 29-68 returned to Quang Tri with 296 tons of cargo and 119 troops. No incidents.
- 7 May- Special convoy to Dong Ha carried 934 troops and 6 tons of cargo. No incidents. Capt S. R. PANZER was the Convoy Commander.
- 7 May- 2 M-76 Otters were sent to Cua Viet.
- 8 May- "Rough Rider" 30-68 departed for Phu Bai with 7 tons of cargo and 93 troops. No incidents. Capt R. R. PANZER was the Convoy Commander.
- 9 May- 1 M-76 Otter was sent to Cua Viet.
- 10 May- "Rough Rider" 30-68 arrived at Quang Tri with 309 tons of cargo and 117 troops. No incidents.
- 11 May- "Rough Rider" 31-68 departed for Phu Bai with 5 tons of cargo and 55 troops. No incidents. 1stLt W. T. SCREWS was the Convoy Commander.
- 13 May- "Rough Rider" 31-68 returning to Quang Tri was rerouted to Phu Bai because of enemy mining.
- 14 May- "Rough Rider" 31-68 returned to Quang Tri with 462 tons of cargo and 85 troops. No incidents.
- 16 May- "Rough Rider" 32-68 departed for Phu Bai with 117 tons of cargo and 86 troops. No incidents. Capt T. J. KOWALSKI was the Convoy Commander.
- 17 May- "Rough Rider" 32-68 returned to Quang Tri with 117 tons of cargo and 86 troops. No incidents.
- 17 May- 1 M-76 Otter returned to Quang Tri from Khe Sanh.
- 18 May- Company "G" (-) chopped OPCON to 26th Marine Regiment.
- 19 May- Convoy 140-1 departed for Phu Bai with 80 tons of cargo and 55 troops. No incidents. 1stLt T. W. HUSSER was the Convoy Commander.

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- 20 May- Convoy 140-1 returned to Quang Tri with 190 tons of cargo and 85 troops. No incidents.
- 22 May- Convoy 141-1 departed for Phu Bai with 80 tons of cargo and 55 troops. Received book of confidential material from a Vietnamese and coordinates YD 549329. Book given to Division G-2, Phu Bai. 1stLt T. W. MUSSER was the Convoy Commander.
- 22 May- 1 M-76 Otter sent to Cua Viet.
- 23 May- Convoy 142-1 returned to Quang Tri with 250 tons of cargo and 80 troops. Convoy trail received 4 M-79 rounds near grids YD 657275. No injuries, convoy continued mission.
- 25 May- "Rough Rider" 33-68 departed for Phu Bai with 105 tons of cargo and 50 troops. No incidents. 1stLt W. T. SCREWS was the Convoy Commander.
- 26 May- "Rough Rider" 33-68 returned to Quang Tri with 377 tons of cargo and 50 troops. No incidents.
- 28 May- Dispatched 5 M-35AOC's to Division Motor Transport Officer for an indefinite period of duty.
- 29 May- 1st F-4 Co "B" checked OPCON from Task Force Robbie, returned to 3d MAF.
- 30 May- White Field Instruction Team arrived to give eight days of classes on 1st and 2nd Echelon Maintenance.
- 31 May- 1 M-76 Otter arrived from Cua Viet

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