

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

UNIT: 7TH MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION (-) FMF, Camp Pendleton, California

PERIOD COVERED: 1 July 1965-31 December 1965

I. ORGANIZATION OF 7TH MT BN (-):

On 1 July, 1965, the 7th MTBn consisted of H&S Company (-), Company B, Company C, and Company D. Company A (Rein) had been deployed with RLIT-7 in May 1965. Commanding Officers, Staff and Chief Subordinates are as follows:

Commanding Officer

1 July-15 August
15 August

Major Fred J. BALLEK
Major Louis A. BONIN

Executive Officer

1 July-15 August
15 August

Capt John H. WEBB, Jr.
Major Fred J. BALLEK

S-1/Adjutant

1 July-

CWO-2 Frank E. BARTHOLD

S-2/S-3

1 July-15 July (BSO 80-65)
15 July-11 October (BSO 104-65)
11 October-19 November (BSO 166-65)
19 November-23 November (BSO 182-65)
23 November-2 December (BSO 193-65)
2 December- (BSO 202-65)

1stLt Kye S. COURTNEY
1stLt Phillip S. BRADLEY
1stLt James A. CULLOR
Capt William J. BUNCH
Major Fred J. BALLEK
Capt Thomas M. COLLINS

S-4/Supply Officer

1 July-24 November
25 November- (BSO 193-65)

Capt James F. GOODSPEED
2ndLt Robert M. HUTCHINSON

Commanding Officer H&S Co (-)

1 July-5 August (BSO 96-65)
5 August-16 August (BSO 133-65)
16 August-15 September (BSO 146-65)
15 September-11 October (BSO 157-65)
11 October-16 December (BSO 166-65)
16 December-

1stLt James D. WATERS III
1stLt Phillip S. BRADLEY
1stLt Paul W. HOLLIGAN
1stLt Daniel P. FLOOD
1stLt Lawrence E. MURPHY
1stLt James H. CARTER

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I. ORGANIZATION OF 7th MTBN (-) (con't)

Commanding Officer Company B

1 July-5 August (BSO 84-65)	1stLt Corby F. LEWIS
5 August-13 August (BSO 133-65)	1stLt Lawrence E. MURPHY
13 August-20 November (BSO 140-65)	Capt William J. BUNCH
20 November (BSO 182-65)	Capt John H. REDGATE

Commanding Officer Company C

1 July-10 September	1stLt Lawrence E. MURPHY
10 September-11 October	1st James A. CULLOR
11 October-	Capt Phillip S. BRADLEY

Commanding Officer Company D

1 July-15 July (BSO 104-65)	1stLt Phillip S. BRADLEY
15 July-16 August	1stLt Steven P. LANG
16 August (BSO 130-65)	Capt John H. WEBB, Jr.

II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 10 August, Company D (Rein) embarked and sailed for WESTPAC as part of the EASTPAC MAB. To prepare the company for movement it was necessary to transfer large numbers of Marines between companies of this battalion. After Company D was stabilized, personnel wise, this battalion transferred almost all remaining deployable personnel (4 officers, 34 enlisted) to 1st Motor Transport Battalion. The personnel picture for the 7th Motor Transport Battalion was bleak.

2. In excess of one hundred basic Marines fresh from recruit and individual combat training were joined, indoctrinated and trained in the various occupational fields necessary to support this battalion's combat mission. On about 7 December it was considered that these new Marines were sufficiently trained to commit this battalion to its combat mission.

3. In mid-September the decision was made to re-equip this battalion with M-36 trucks, vice M-54 vehicles. The vehicles were driven from MSCS Barstow to Camp Pendleton on 30 September, spare parts were requisitioned on 20 September.

4. During October and November, acceptance checks were completed on the M-36 trucks. This represented a double work load in the maintenance effort of this battalion since the M-54 trucks required continued maintenance.

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II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (con't)

5. On 13 December, 100% of spare parts were received by this battalion and on 16 December the new M-36 trucks were placed in service. The M-54 trucks are undergoing LTI's and disposition instructions will be forthcoming

III. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 10 Aug Company D Deployed, Information classified 1/2/
- 30 Sep REPLACEMENT OF M-54 TRUCKS WITH M-36 TRUCKS
Received 68 M-36 trucks from MCSC Barstow as replacement vehicles for M-54 trucks. 2/ Requisitions for spare parts to support M-36's submitted to Barstow on 20 Sep. 4/ Vehicles are withheld from use pending receipt of 100% of spare parts.
- 15 Dec M-36 VEHICLES COMMITTED TO USE
100% of spares to support M-36 trucks on hand, M-36 vehicles placed into service. 2/ M-54 trucks being LTI'd prior to disposition.

Footnotes:

- 1 CG 1st MarDiv (-)(Rein) ltr Serial 00228-65
- 2 CG 1st MarDiv (-)(Rein) msg 070855Z Aug 65 (Classified)
- 3 CG 1st MarDiv (Rear) msg 111651Z Oct65
- 4 CO 7MT BN ltr 21/JFG/jde over 4400 of 20 Sep 65
- 5 CG FMFPAC 150524Z

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LIST OF REFERENCE

1. CG, 1stMarDiv(-)(Rein) ltr 7/OFF/lde over 1320 of 2Aug65, Ser: 00228-65
2. CG, 1stMarDiv(-)(Rein) 070855Z Aug65 (Classified)
3. CG, 1stMarDiv(Rear) 111651Z Oct65
4. CO, 7thMEBn ltr 21/JFG/jdc over 4400 of 20Sep65
5. CG, FMFPAC 150524Z Dec65

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20 Dec 1965

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R 151555Z
FM CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN) (REAR)
INFO SEVENTH MT BN
R 150524Z
FM CG FMFPAC
TO WWND/CMC
MMDA/CG FIRST MARDIV (REAR)
INFO MMSB/CG FMFPAC/I MAC (FWD)
DDKE/CG III MAF
MMSB/CG FIRST MARDIV
BT

UNCLAS E F T O

TRUCK M-36

A. CG FIRST MARDIV (REAR) 121857Z (NOTAL)

B. MY 160214Z/SEP

1. FOR CG FIRST MAR DIV: REQ CONTAINED REF A TO PLACE TRUCK M-36
IN SERVICE APPROVED.

2. FOR CMC: 100 PER SENT OF GARRISON OPERATING STOCKS AND MCUNTOUT
REPAIR PARTS ON HAND FOR SUBJ VEHICLE IN FIRST MARDIV (REAR).

NECESSARY OPERATOR TRAINING COMPLETED. REQUEST DISPOSITION
INSTRUCTION FOR REPLACED EQUIPMENT INCLUDING PECULIAR REPAIR
PARTS. REF B RELATES.

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TOR: 15/1620Z/DEC65/352/MA/2/

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20 December 1965

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RR RUECEM RUEGFG RUWDFJ RUHPO

DE RUWDFJ 0315 2841700

ZNR UUUUU

R 111651Z

FM CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN) REAR, FMR

TO RUWDFJ/CG MCSC BARSTOW

INFO RUECEM/CMC

RUHPO/CG FMFPAC

RUEGFG/CG MCSA PHILA

ZEN/SEVENTH MT BN

BT

UNCLAS

OEM SHORT SHIPMENT, M-36 TRUCK

FOR B828 INFO CSX-5, P-825

A. CMC MSG 221230Z SEP

B. YOUR LTR B828 SER 12539 OF 4 OCT 65 NOTAL (SAME SUBJECT)

C. SL-3-03443

D. TELECON CAPTAIN GOODSPEED SEVENTH MT BN, MAJOR GILLEN B-838 7OCT65

1. DRIVEAWAY OF 68 M-36 TRUCKS ON MCD SHIPPING ORDER 26124

LISTED IN REF A COMPLETED 30 SEPTEMBER 1965.

2. REF B ACKNOWLEDGED CERTAIN SHORTAGES OF OEM INCLUDING 43

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DEEP WATER FORDING-SHORT KITS ON TRUCKS AND ADVISED ITEMS WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE WHEN AVAILABLE. SHORTAGES CONFIRMED.

3. COMPARISON OF VEHICLES RECEIVED WITH REF C REVEALS DISCREPANCIES IN REF C. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MAJOR ITEMS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE VEHICLES.

FSN	NOMENCLATURE	QTY
2510-308-0227	SIDE RACK FRONT RIGHT	20
2510-308-0228	SIDE RACK REAR RIGHT	20
2510-737-0377	SIDE RACK FRONT END	20
2510-737-2783	BOW	140
UNK	BRACKET, MOUNTING FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER 68	
UNK	STAKE BODY RIGHT FRONT	20
UNK	STAKE BODY REAR RIGHT	20

4. AS INDICATED IN TM-9-2320-200-35 DATED JUNE 65 PAR 176 PAGE 114, TROOP SEATS WERE OMITTED.

5. FINAL COMPILATION OF OTHER SHORTAGES PENDING RECEIVING CHECK.

6. CONFIRMATION REFERENCE D CAPTAIN GOODSPEED WILL VISIT YOUR CENTER 12 OCT TO DISCUSS THESE AND RELATED PROBLEMS.

BT

C LN 9 PG 2 COLM 2 TO RD BOW VICE 792

TOD:11/17/12/00T65/315/LBF/2

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HEADQUARTERS
7th Motor Transport Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Camp Pendleton, California, 92055

21/JFG/jdc
4400
20 Sept 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow, California

Subj: Repair Parts Requisitions for M36 Trucks; Forwarding of

Ref: (a) CG, FMF PAC Msg. 160214Z Sept 65

Encl: (1) Document Number 3123A to 3184A; 62 documents

(2) Document Number 3185B to 3304B; 120 documents

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded herewith in compliance with the provisions of reference (a).

2. Enclosure (1) contains the repair parts requirement for a thirty (30) day Operating Level. Enclosure (2) contains the repair parts requirements for a thirty (30) day Mount Out.

/s/ LOUIS A. BONIN

Copy to: CMC
CG, FMF PAC
CG, 1st MAR DIV REIN (REAR)

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HEADQUARTERS
7th Motor Transport Battalion, FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

3/TMG/hwh
5750
17 Apr 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General (Attn: G-3), 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2
Encl: (1) Command Chronology with Appendix A

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

Louis A. Bonin
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7th M.T. Bn

Enclosure (13)

Jan - 17 Apr 1966

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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Period Covered: 1 January, 1966 to 31 March, 1966

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Commanding Officer H&SCo (-)	1stLt. James H. Carter
Commanding Officer Company B	Captain John H. Redgate
Commanding Officer Company C	Captain Phillip S. Bradley

II. Narrative Summary of Significant Events

1. Having placed the new M-36 trucks in service, disposition instructions were received for the M-54s. On 4 January 1966, fifteen (15) M-54s were transferred and invoiced to the 9th Engineer Battalion. On 17 January 1966, fifty three (53) M-54s were transferred and invoiced to CG, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, of which six (6) were to be shipped to MCSC, Barstow and forty seven (47) were to be shipped to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune. See Appendix A, references (1) and (2).

2. On 5 January, 1966 the 2nd Platoon, Company B was attached to BLT 2/5 for deployment to WESTPAC. To bring this platoon up to strength it was necessary to transfer many qualified and experienced drivers from other Companies into Company B. See Appendix A, reference (3).

3. On 31 January, 1966 Company B (-) chopped to CG, FMFPac and embarked for deployment to WESTPac, destination classified. To fill the gaps left by the transfer of experienced personnel into 2nd Platoon, Company B, many new and inexperienced drivers were joined from Motor Transport School, MCB, Camp Pendleton. See Appendix A, references (4) and (5).

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4. On 10 February, 1966 7th Motor Transport Battalion (-) consisting of H&SCo (-) and Company C chopped to FMFPac and embarked for deployment to WESTPAC, destination classified. As in the case of Company B, new and inexperienced drivers were transferred into these units from Motor Transport School, MCB, Camp Pendleton to replace those personnel previously deployed. See Appendix A, references (4) and (6).

5. On 7 March, 1966 7th Motor Transport Battalion (-) arrived in RVN and set up operations in direct support of FLSU-1. See Appendix A, reference (7).

6. On 13 March, 1966 Company B (-) arrived in RVN and joined 7th MTBn (-).

7. On 28 March, 1966 7th MTBn (-) reverted to the operational control of the First Marine Division and is presently in direct support of that Division. See Appendix A, reference (8).

8. During the month of March, elements of the 7th MTBn participated in the following operations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Operation</u>
4-8 March	Utah
20-25 March	Texas
28-30 March	Indiana

III. Detailed description of significant events:

4 January	Fifteen (15) M-54s transferred to 9th Engineer Battalion
5 January	2nd Platoon, Company B attached to BLT 2/5
17 January	Fifty three (53) M-54s transferred to MCB, Camp Pendleton for further disposition
31 January	Company B (-) deployed to WESTPAC
10 February	7th MTBn deployed to WESTPAC
4-8 March	7th MTBn elements previously deployed participated in Operation Utah
7 March	7th MTBn (-) arrived in RVN
13 March	Company B (-) arrived in RVN
20-25 March	7th MTBn (-) elements participated in Operation Texas
28 March	7th MTBn (-) reverted to operational control of First Marine Division

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28-30 March 7th MTBn (-) elements participated in Operation Indiana

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APPENDIX A

LIST OF REFERENCES

1. CMC Msg 271637ZDec65
2. CMC Msg 1122014ZJan66
3. CG 1stMarDiv Msg 302357ZDec65 PASEP
4. CG 1stMarDiv(Rein)(Rear) 1tr 7/GRD/jls dtd 7Jan66 over 007-66
5. CG 1stMarDiv Msg 302341ZJan66 PASEP
6. CG 1stMarDiv Msg 032010ZJan66 PASEP
7. CG 3rdMarDiv Msg 180615ZMar66 PASEP
8. CG 3rdMarDiv Msg 271210ZMar66 PASEP

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