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

3/JLB/trh  
5750  
2 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (SC-3,  
Field Historian)  
Subj: Command Chronology  
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A  
Encl: (1) Command Chronology with Appendix A and B  
1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: 7th Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Period Covered: 1 October 1966 to 31 October 1966

I. Organization of the 7th Motor Transport Battalion

On 1 October 1966 the 7th Motor Transport Battalion consisted of H&S Company and Companies A, B, C, and Transport Company. The Commanding Officer, principal staff and subordinate commanders were as follows:

Commanding Officer	Major S. H. BATCHELDER
Executive Officer	Major F. R. SMITH
S-1/Adjutant	2ndLt J. E. SOMMERHAUSER
S-2/S-3	Captain T. M. COLLINS
S-4/Supply	1stLt R. M. HUTCHINSON
Commanding Officer, H&S Company	2ndLt M. W. NEILL
Commanding Officer, Company A	1stLt T. C. KEELING III
Commanding Officer, Company B	1stLt J. T. DUNN Jr.
Commanding Officer, Company C	Captain P. S. BRADLEY
Commanding Officer, Transport Company	1stLt J. H. CARTER
Battalion Medical Officer	Lt D. L. STOUT USNR

II. Narrative Summary of Significant Events

1. During the month of October the Battalion continued operations under the operational control of the 1st Marine Division. These following figures are based on commitments from the 1st to the 18th inclusive. Due to the movement of the Battalion CP similar figures were unavailable for the remainder of the month.

	<u>TACTICAL</u>	<u>LOGISTICAL</u>
a. Number of Trips	280	1581
b. Total Miles Traveled	14255	67319
c. Total Personnel Transported	2189	20166
d. Total Cargo Transported (Tons)	430	5978

## III. Detailed description of Significant Events

2 Oct Convoy comprised of 5 task vehicles of Company A and 10 task vehicles of Company C transported 30 tons of class IV from the Sand Ramp (BT 523125) to the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade at BS 6390.

Convoy comprised of 5 task vehicles of Company A, 3 task vehicles of Company B and 3 task vehicles of Company C transported 4 tons of classes II and IV from the Sand Ramp (BT 523125) to the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade at BS 6390.

Convoy proceeding north on Route 1 from ROK CP took 4 rounds of sniper fire at BS 583957. No fire was returned to enemy location at BS 577955. Vehicles did not sustain any damage and proceeded.

11 Oct Captain J. L. BARKER assigned duty as Battalion S-3 Officer. Convoy comprised of 7 task vehicles of Company B transported 10 tons of class V to the Airfield at Quang Ngai. Convoy proceeding north on Route 1 from Quang Ngai while passing BS 631820 received 10-15 rounds of SA fire from BS-636822 at 111015H. No casualties or vehicle damage sustained, convoy proceeded and returned 10-15 rounds of SA fire.

15 Oct Company C and H&S Company (-) embarked aboard LST 1148 and set sail for Da Nang in the initial step of the relocation of 7thMTBn CP.

16 Oct Company C and H&S Company (-) of 7thMTBn disembarked at Da-Nang Harbor. They proceeded in convoy to the new CP site located at AT 984726 the present CP location of 9thMTBn.

18 Oct Company A and the follow up unit in the displacement of 7th MTBn embarked aboard the LST 1150.

20 Oct Company A and the follow up unit in the displacement of 7th MTBn disembarked from the LST 1150 at Da Nang Harbor. They proceeded in convoy to the new CP location of 7thMTBn. 7th MTBn (Rear) composed of Company B, Transport Company and H&S Company (-) remain in direct support of Task Force X-Ray.

21 Oct 7thMTBn participated in its first perimeter patrol and ambush in defense of its new CP location in the Da Nang area. No enemy contacts were made. 18 personnel participating.

22 Oct 7thMTBn had its class presentation in the familiarization and deployment of the M-79, Claymore mines, M-127 Flares, MK-1 Grenade Flare and M-49 illumination type flare. 43 personnel received instructions. Instructions consisted of lecture, demonstration and practical application.

25 Oct Officially started accepting regular commitments from Division Motor Transport Officer Dispatcher in committing C Company.

29 Oct Officially started accepting regular commitments from Division Motor Transport Officer Dispatcher in committing A Company.

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List of References

Tab 1 a. BSO 110-66 dtd 11Oct66

Appendix A  
Enclosure (1)

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DOCUMENTATION

Tab 2 Sitrep 99-66, period 020001H to 022400H

Tab 3 Sitrep 108-66, period 110001H to 112400H

Appendix B  
Enclosure (1)

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1/JES/mcc  
11 October 1966

BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER  
NUMBER . . . . . 110-66

The following assignments are effected.

NAME	UNIT	ED	TYPE
Capt BARKER, J.L.	: H&S	: 11Oct66	: DU S-3 Off
:	:	:	: ADD LanguageO, BnField His torian, Bn
:	:	:	: CensorshipO, CommunicationsO, NBCD O, TECH
:	:	:	: Pubs ControlO, EngineerO, Alternate Custodian S&C,
:	:	:	: Vehicle Accident PreventionO, Bn SafetyO, ALT
:	:	:	: RPS Custodian

S. H. BATCHELDER  
Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer

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7th Motor Transport Battalion, FMP  
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

3/JWD/mcc  
3500  
2 Oct 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP (SC-3)  
Subj: Sitrep 99-66, period 070001H to 072400H

1. Unit Operations

a. Convoy designated as Division Serial 1-2 and comprised of 5 task vehicles of Company 1 and 10 task vehicles of Company 2 transported 30 tons of class IV from the Land Ramp (R 523125) to the 2nd MCB Marine Brigade at 06 6390. 10 troops from the 2nd MCB Marine brigade provided security. Convoy departed SP (R 523125) at 021510H and returned to the SP at 021445H.

b. Convoy designated as Division Serial 5-2 and comprised of 5 task vehicles of Company 1, 3 task vehicles of Company 2 and 3 task vehicles of Company 3 transported 4 tons of class IV and 11 from the Land Ramp (R 523125) to the 2nd MCB Marine Brigade at 05 6390. 10 troops from the 2nd MCB Marine brigade provided security. Convoy departed SP (R 523125) at 021330H and returned to the SP at 021730H.

2. Contacts

Convoy designated as 5-2 proceeding north on Route 1 from R 523125 took 4 rounds of sniper fire at 06 563957. No fire was returned to enemy location at 06 577955. Vehicles did not sustain any damage and proceeded.

3. Battalion Readiness. 7th MTB remains in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. Following is a summary of vehicle availability:

Total vehicles on hand	120
Total deadline	7
Total available for support of 1st Marine Division on 3 October, 1966	113
Total vehicles utilized on 2 October, 1966	101

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BY DIRECTION

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MPC, San Francisco, California 96602

3/JFD/trh  
3500  
11 Oct 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (SC-3)  
Subj: STMP 108-66, period 110001H to 112400H

1. Unit Operations. Convoy designated as Division Serial 1-11 and comprised of 7 task vehicles of Company B transported 10 tons of Class V to the Airfield at Quang Ngai. 20 security troops were provided by Company E, 3/3. Convoy departed the SP (RJ MSR & 1) at 110640H and returned to the SP at 111400H.

2. Contacts. Convoy proceeding north on Route 1 from Quang Ngai while passing BS631820 received 10-15 rounds of SA fire from BS636822 at 11-1015H. No casualties or vehicle damage sustained, convoy proceeded and returned 10-15 rounds of SA fire.

3. Battalion Readiness. 7th MTBn remains in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. Following is a summary of vehicle availability:

Total vehicles on hand	120
Total deadlined	7
Total available for support of 1st Marine Division on 12 October 1966	113
Total vehicles utilized on 11 October 1966	57

J. F. DUODY  
By direction

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