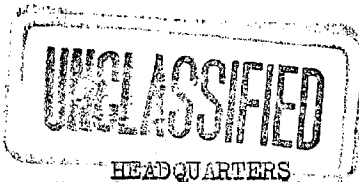


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3 Mar 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1Feb67 to 28Feb67

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) February 1967 Command Chronology

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

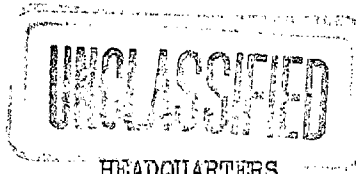

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1Feb67 to 28Feb67

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. UNIT DESIGNATION

7th Motor Transport Battalion
FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

COMMANDER

Maj S. H. BATCHELDER
1Feb67 - 28Feb67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Company

2ndLt H. HARLAN
1Feb67 - 28Feb67

Company "A"

1stLt M. W. NEILL
1Feb67 - 28Feb67

Company "B"

1stLt J. T. DUNN
1Feb67 - 9Feb67

Company "C"

Capt R. W. SMITH
9Feb67 - 28Feb67

Transport Company

Capt T. I. PITTMAN
1Feb67 - 28Feb67

1stLt J. P. DOODY
1Feb67 - 28Feb67

ATTACHED UNITS

Company "A"
9th Motor Transport Battalion

1stLt J. C. NELLES
1Feb67 - 9Feb67

Transport Company
9th Motor Transport Battalion

Capt W. R. MURPHY
1Feb67 - 9Feb67

Company "C"
1st Motor Transport Battalion

Capt J. A. FREEMAN
14Feb67 - 28Feb67

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2. LOCATION

1Feb67 - 9Feb67; DA NANG, RVN
 10Feb67 - 28Feb67; Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt J. E. SOMMERHAUSER
 1Feb67 - 28Feb67

S-2/S-3

Capt J. L. BARKER
 1Feb67 - 28Feb67

S-4/S-5

Capt D. J. CALLAGHAN
 1Feb67 - 28Feb67

Battalion Medical Officer

Lt D. L. STOUT USNR
 1Feb67 - 2Feb67

Lt C. E. JULIUS USNR
 3Feb67 - 28Feb67

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | |
|------|-----|
| OFF | ENL |
| 20 | 360 |

| USN | |
|-----|-----|
| OFF | ENL |
| 1 | 7 |

| OTHER | |
|-------|-----|
| OFF | ENL |
| 0 | 0 |

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During the subject period 7th Motor Transport Battalion (-) operated under administrative/operational control of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), FTF from 1 February 1967 to 10 February 1967. Company "B" and Transport Company continued operational control of Task Force X-Ray. On 9 February 1967 Company A and Transport Company 9th Motor Transport Battalion were detached from 7th Motor Transport Battalion. On 10 February 1967 Company "C" and H&S Company (-) participated in a Rough Rider convoy from Da Nang to Chu Lai in which 7th Motor Transport Battalion Command Post was relocated to Chu Lai. As of 10 February 1967, 7th Motor Transport Battalion began operating under the administrative control of 1st Marine Division (Rein), FTF and operational control of Task Force X-Ray. On 14 February 1967 Company "C" 1st Motor Transport Battalion began operating under the operational control of 7th Motor Transport Battalion.

b. During the subject period 7th Motor Transport Battalion transported troops, equipment and supplies in direct support of operations Rio Grande and Desoto/Deckhouse VI.

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c. The operational summary shown herein includes 7th Motor Transport Battalion and Company "C", 1st Motor Transport Battalion.

| | <u>TACTICAL</u> | <u>LOGISTICAL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| (1) Number of Trips | 966 | 2672 | 3638 |
| (2) Miles Traveled | 31794 | 88508 | 120302 |
| (3) Personnel Transported | 3033 | 33626 | 36659 |
| (4) Cargo Transported (Tons) | 2415 | 10004 | 12419 |

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3 Feb Lt C. E. JULIUS USNR assigned duties as Battalion Medical Officer vice Lt D. L. STOUT USNR.
- 9 Feb Capt R. W. SMITH assigned duties as Commanding Officer Company "B" vice 1st Lt J. T. DUNN.
- 10 Feb Company "C" plus H&S Company (-) departed Da Nang, RVN by Rough Rider, arriving at Chu Lai and establishing the Battalion Command Post.
- 17 Feb Convoy of 24 task vehicles transported 600 troops with organic equipment to BS 575965 in direct support of Operation Rio Grande.
- 18 Feb Convoy of 12 task vehicles transported 29 troops, 5 tons Class I, 31,000 gal. Class III and 33 tons of Class V to LSA, Quang Ngai for resupply.
- 20 Feb Convoy of 29 task vehicles transported 5 tons Class II and 260 tons Class V to LSA, Quang Ngai for resupply.
- 21 Feb Convoy of 17 task vehicles transported 3 tons Class II and 100 tons Class V to LSA, Quang Ngai for resupply.
- 22 Feb Convoy of 25 task vehicles transported 600 troops with organic equipment from BS 626847 to 1/5 CP in support of Operation Rio Grande.
- 26 Feb Convoy of 24 task vehicles transported 600 troops with organic equipment in support of Operation Desoto/Deckhouse VI.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Filed*
- WJ*
- q/chron*
- ✓ 1. MEMO ENDORSEMENT Commanding Officer, 7th Motor Transport Battalion
 - ✓ 2. BSO 18-67
 - 3. CG 1stMarDiv Msg 080917ZFeb67 (Classified) *missing*
 - ✓ 4. Convoy Commanders Report 17 Feb 1967
 - ✓ 5. Convoy Commanders Report 18 Feb 1967
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 - ✓ 7. Convoy Commanders Report 21 Feb 1967
 - ✓ 8. Convoy Commanders Report 22 Feb 1967
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MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 7th Motor Transport Battalion,
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

To: Lt. Clark E. JULIUS, MC, USNR, 708130/2105

1. You reported at 1830, 3 February 1967.
2. You are assigned to H&S Company for duty as Battalion Medical Officer.

J. E. Sommerhauser
J. E. SOMMERHAUSER
By direction

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1/JES/mcc
5 Feb 1967

BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER
NUMBER 18-67

1. The following reassignment is effected.

| NAME | UNIT | ED | REPORT TO | BY |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Capt R. W. SMITH | : H&S Co | : 9Feb67 | : CO, B Co ford | : 1300 |
| 081949/3502 | : | : | : | : 9Feb67 |

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2. The following assignment is effected.

| NAME | UNIT | ED | REMARKS |
|------------------|--------|-----------|--|
| Capt R. W. SMITH | : B Co | : 10Feb67 | : Pridu as CO vice 1stLt J. T. DUNN 089463 |
| 081949/3502 | : | : | : awaiting transfer |

S. H. BATCHELDER
Major, U. S. MARINE CORPS
Commanding Officer

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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co C 7th Motor Transport Battalion

17 Feb 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 16/17 Feb Crossed SP 1600/16 Returned 0900/17 Feb
No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 24 M-36 1 M-109
1 M-38A1

Destination Hill #54 1/5 CP Time Arrived 1710

Distance One Way 12 Speed 15/20 Rate of March 15 mph

Security Unit and Strength N/A

Support Units and Strength N/A

Cargo Transported: Troops 600 CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V

Mission Transport Troops from Hill 54 to landing zone BS 575965

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 M-109 1 GRC-125

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

2Lt Andrew F. Kaufman
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

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(Reviewed)

Lo [Signature]
(Company Commander's Signature)

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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co ~~TRANS~~ 7th Motor Transport Battalion

18 Feb 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 18 Feb 1967 Crossed SP 0910 Returned 1800
 No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 4 M-52A2 1 M-62 1 M-109
5 M-63 1 M-35 2 M-38A1
 Destination Quang Ngai Time Arrived 1200
 Distance One Way 27 Speed 15/20 Rate of March 6 mph
 Security Unit and Strength "H" Co., 2/7 1 Squad
 Support Units and Strength FO, Eng
 Cargo Transported: Troops 29 CL I 5 T CL II CL III 31,000 CL IV CL V 33 T gal.
 Mission Resupply LSA, Quang Ngai

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 M-109 1 GRC-125

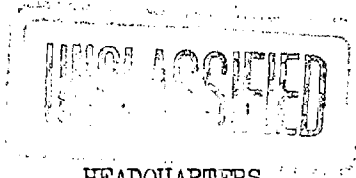
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Richard D. Bennett
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

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John P. Rudy
(Company Commander's Signature)



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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co ~~Trans~~ 7th Motor Transport Battalion

20 Feb 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 20 Feb 1967 Crossed SP 0800 Returned 2030No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 25 M-52A2 4 M-54Destination LSA Quang Ngai Time Arrived 1045Distance One Way 27 Speed 15/20 Rate of March 8 mphSecurity Unit and Strength 1 Squad Co "B" 1/5Support Units and Strength FO, Eng, Air on callCargo Transported: Troops CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V 260 TMission Haul supplies to LSA at Quang Ngai

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 M-109 1 GRC-125

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

John P. Alford
Convoy Commander's Signature

John P. Alford
Company Commander's Signature

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(Reviewed)

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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co ~~TRANS~~ 7th Motor Transport Battalion21 Feb 1967

(Date)

Date of Convoy 21 Feb 1967 Crossed SP 0800 Returned 1430
 No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 10 M-52A2 2 M-36 1 M-38A1
5 M-54 1 M-62 1 M-51 1 M-109

Destination LSA Quang Ngai Time Arrived 1000

Distance One Way 27 Speed 15/20 Rate of March 14 mph

Security Unit and Strength 30 Men from "H" Co 2/7

Support Units and Strength FO, Eng

Cargo Transported: Troops CL I CL II 3 T CL III CL IV
CL V 100 T

Mission _____

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 M-109 4 PRC-25 1 GRC-125

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

Claude E. Keldroth
 (Convoy Commander's Signature)

George Starkweather
 (Company Commander's Signature)
By Director

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 (Reviewed)

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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co C 7th Motor Transport Battalion

22 Feb 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 22 Feb 1967 Crossed SP 1300 Returned 2030

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| | 13 M-36 | 1 M-54 |
| No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) | 11 M-36 | 1 M-38A1 |

Destination BT 626847 Time Arrived 1600Distance One Way 20 Speed 15/20 Rate of March 11 mphSecurity Unit and Strength Squad (18 men)Support Units and Strength N/A

Cargo Transported: Troops 600 CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V

Mission Pickup troops and deliver to 1/5 CP (Hill 54)

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and
brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 M-109 1 PRG-25

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

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(Convoy Commander's Signature)

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(Reviewed)

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(Company Commander's Signature)

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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co B 7th Motor Transport Battalion

26Feb 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 25/26 Feb 1967 Crossed SP 1610/25 Feb Returned 0815/26 Feb

No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 15 M-36 1 M-109 1 M-62
9 M-36 1 MRC-125

Destination Hill 54 Time Arrived 1700/25 FebDistance One Way 12 Speed 15/20 Rate of March 15 mphSecurity Unit and Strength N/ASupport Units and Strength N/A

Cargo Transported: Troops 600 CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V

Mission Move 1/5 from Hill 54 to MAG-36

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and
brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 M-109 1 GRC-125 1 PRC-25

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

1 M-36 disabled due to clutch

R. W. Smith
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

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(Reviewed)

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R. W. Smith
(Company Commander's Signature)